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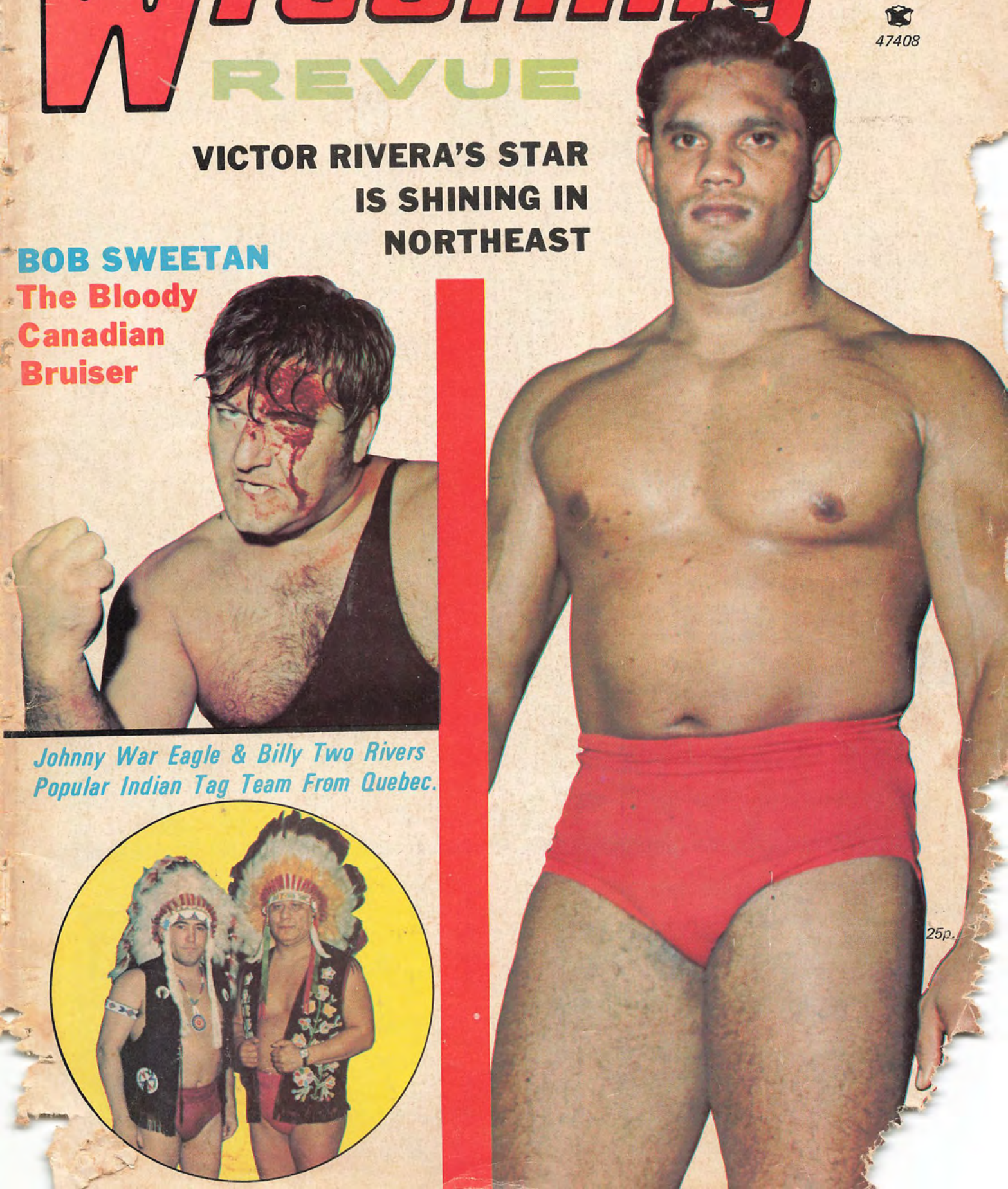

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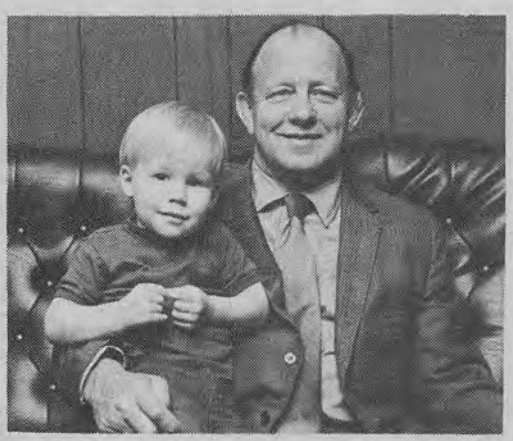

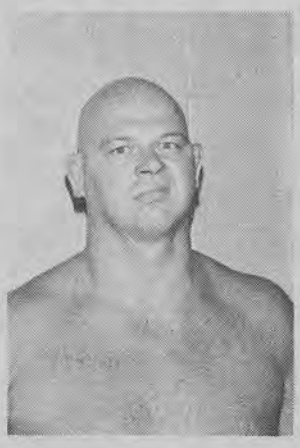

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EDITORIAL

By NORMAN H. KIETZER

THEIR WORD IS THEIR CONTRACT

I recently visited with National Wrestling Alliance president Sam Muchnick and was his guest at one of his fine promotions in St. Louis. There is a feature story on that elsewhere in this issue, but I would like to repeat part of our conversation in this editorial.

Sam told me that in his forty years in the wrestling promotion business he has never written a contract with any wrestler. "My word and the wrestler's word is our bond." Sam went on to mention that he felt he had a good relationship with the wrestlers because of this policy.

I recall my own small efforts in promoting wrestling in southern Minnesota, northern Iowa, and South Dakota. The case was the same. I would simply call the booking office the wrestlers I wanted were working out of and then I would set up the card. We never used written contracts in the A.W.A. either.

In this day and age when every other major league sport is afflicted with contract breaking, lawsuits, counter-suits, and the like it is refreshing to know that in professional wrestling at least the men who promote the sport and the athletes who appear in the ring are still on such good terms that they trust the word of each other without resorting to the methods of other sports.

I think that sports fans are sick and tired of reading about contract disputes and contract jumping and I think that other major league sports would be much better off if the conflicts between owners and athletes had not been allowed to get so far out of hand.

ASK WRESTLING REVUE

B.G. of Minneapolis wants to know if it is true that Los Angeles promoter Mike LaBell invented the Battle Royal and what the rules of the match are.

We'll answer the first question by saying that the Battle Royal has been around professional wrestling since the early 1940's and that we don't know for sure who promoted the first one. A lot of people read a recent article in one of our competitor's publications which stated that Mr. LaBell invented the Battle Royal a couple of years ago in Los Angeles. As usual, the other publication is wrong and we are right. Now we should be the first to admit that the Battle Royals staged annually in the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles and promoted by Mike LaBell are among the very finest ever seen anywhere. However, even Mr. LaBell would admit that he did not originate the event.

The story in another magazine listed such wrestlers as Pedro Morales and Mil Mascaras as being involved in the first one. Well, back in the 1940's when these events started, Morales, LeBell, and Mascaras were all either small children or not born yet. As usual, our rival editor came up short of material to fill his publication with and as a result he filled up a few pages with a made-up fairy tale about what he said was the first Battle Royal. We would never stoop so low with our magazine as to use such a phony story – especially when there are so many top stories in the great sport of professional wrestling that we lack space to write about all of them – far less to publish some made-up bit of nonsense that tries to fool the readers into thinking that the Battle Royal was invented in Los Angeles thirty years after the first Battle Royal's were held many times a year in different parts of the country. We believe strongly that wrestling fans want intelligent coverage of the sport and we deplore the use of such phony stories and of all other so called anonymous confession stories that some of our rivals are using in their publications.

These untrue stories downgrade both the magazine in which they appear and also the great sport of professional wrestling. They also show that the editors of such publications feel that they can push anything over on their audience.

Since I have become the editor of Wrestling Revue I have dedicated myself to the upgrading of wrestling publications. I feel that the fans want an honest, hard-hitting, and FACTUAL publication and that is why Wrestling Revue continues to be the largest selling wrestling magazine in the world, with sales increasing each and every month.

Back to the Battle Royal. The simple rules are that all wrestlers start in the ring. A king of the hill battle follows in which wrestlers are eliminated by being thrown over the top rope. The last man left in the ring is the winner. I have only heard of one variation and that was last year in Philadelphia when the wrestlers were eliminated by being pinned in the ring. However, the standard Battle Royal is an over-the-top-rope affair.

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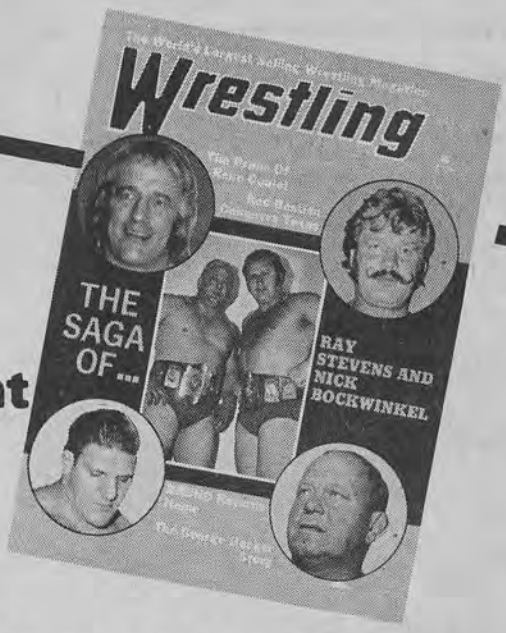

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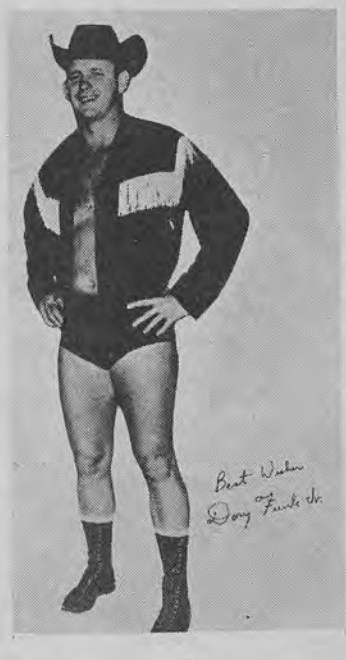

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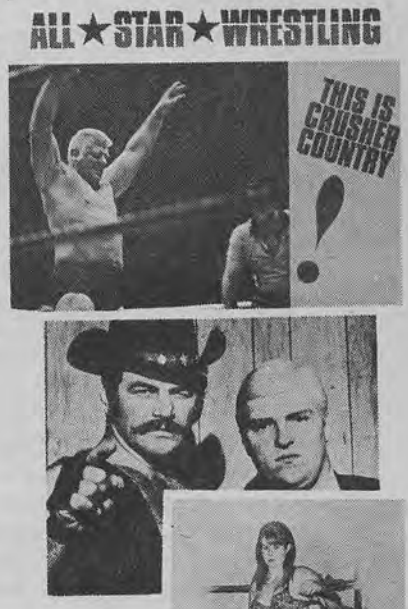

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MORALES IS TOP WRESTLER!

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So when Jack Brisco wants to tangle with Pedro he better bring Florida with him, that goes for Funk and Gagne too! Here are a few other great wrestlers on the East coast: Gorilla Monsoon; Sonny King; Manny Soto; Victor Rivera; Chief Jay Strongbow; Rene Goulet; and Karl Gotch. So all you other wrestlers WATCH OUT!

Wayne Campagna
Staten Island, New York

RONNIE IS A TOP GARVIN TOO!

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In the article The Irrepressible Garvins why did you ignore Ronnie Garvin? Ronnie is just as great as Terry and Jim.

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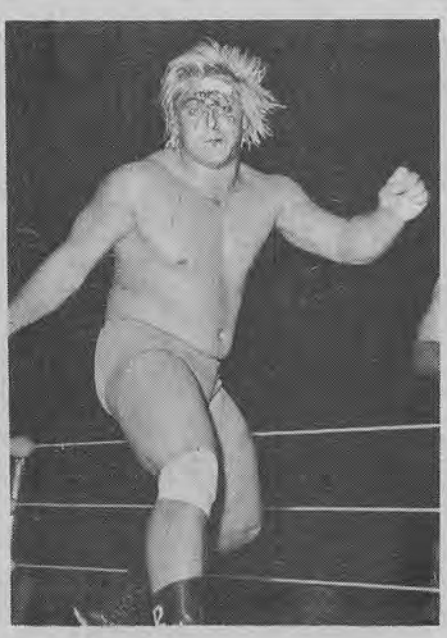

has defeated such men as Danny Miller, Greg Peterson, Jack and Roy Welch, Robert Fuller, Las Thatcher, Louis Tiller, and Gary Fulton. He has also held the Florida State Tag Team Championship with Ole Anderson They defeated Ronnie Fuller and Hiro Matsuda and Ron Miller and Larry O'dea. Johnnie Walker and Sonny King. He has also teamed with Dale Lewis, El Lobo, Rene Goulet, Bob Duncum, Dick Murdoch, Dusty Rhodes, Algelo Poffo, Bearcat Wright. I am sure all of his fans would appreciate an article on him.

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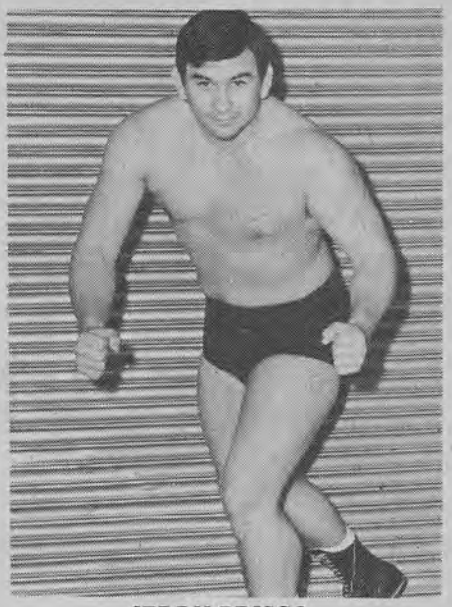

JERRY BRISCO

FLORIDA WRESTLING IS BEST

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I would also appreciate an article, on Ronny Garvin and an article on Mr. Wrestling.

Louis Chamberlain
Coconut Creek, Florida

CHICAGO WRESTLING TOPS!

Sirs:

I would like to point out that of all the wrestlers I have seen over the years that the one who has impressed me the most is that sensational British star, Billy Robinson. Billy has defeated such stars as Black Jack Lanza, Doctor Death, Crusher Verdu, King Curtis, Shozo Kobayashi, Hans Schmidt, Ray Stevens, and many more too numerous to mention.

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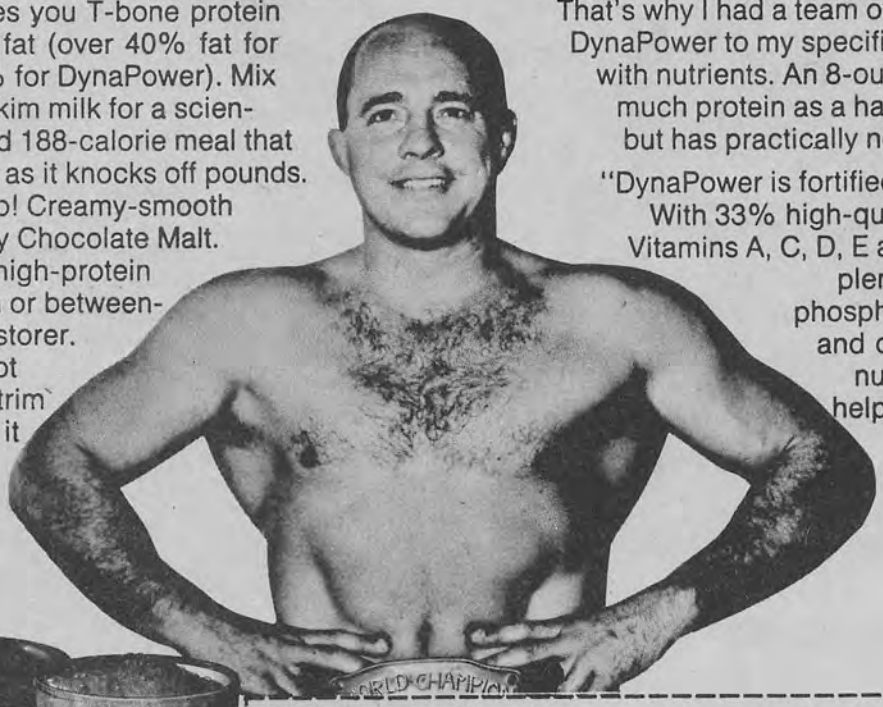

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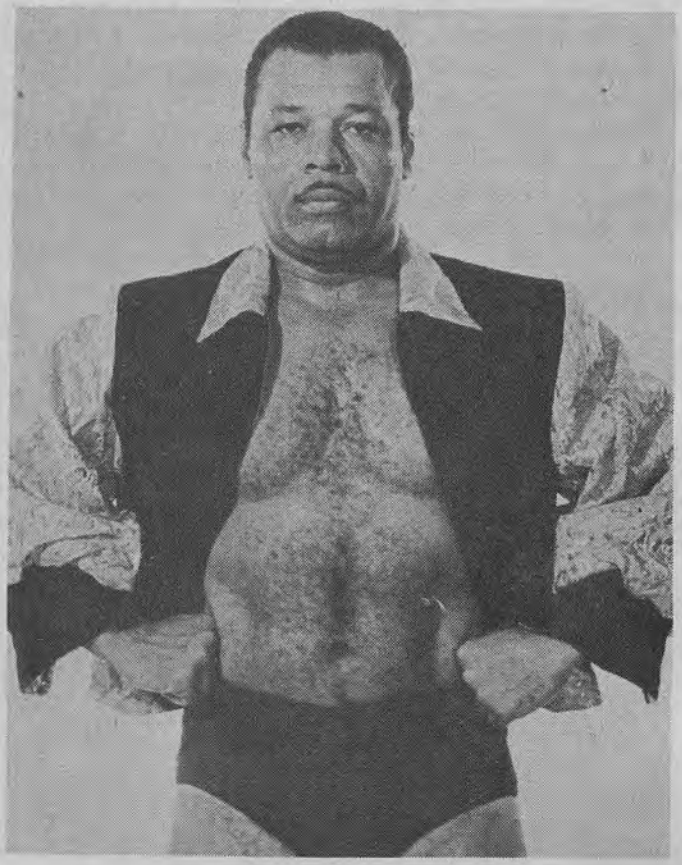
THE MANAGER'S CORNER!...

By GENTLEMAN
SAUL WEINGEROFF

Above: Bobby Hart recently captured the U.S. Tag Team Championship with Lorenzo Parente. Left: Country Plowboy Stan Frazier is now wrestling in Louisiana. Below Frank Martinez, wrestler from New York doing very well down south.



I have been receiving letters from Wrestling Revue fans from different parts of the world asking me questions about other wrestlers. Linda Spears of Louisville, Ky., wants to know where the Alaskans and Big Bad John are at present. She misses them in Louisville, She also asks if Mike York, the big Alaskan, is married and where can she write to him?

Linda, Mike York and his partner, Frank Monte, have acquired a manager, George Harris, and are now doing great down Florida way. You

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VICTOR RIVERA

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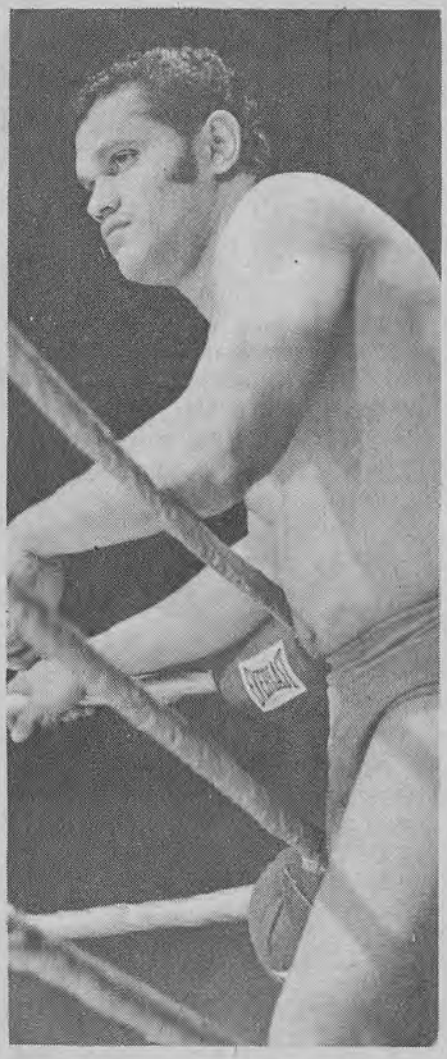
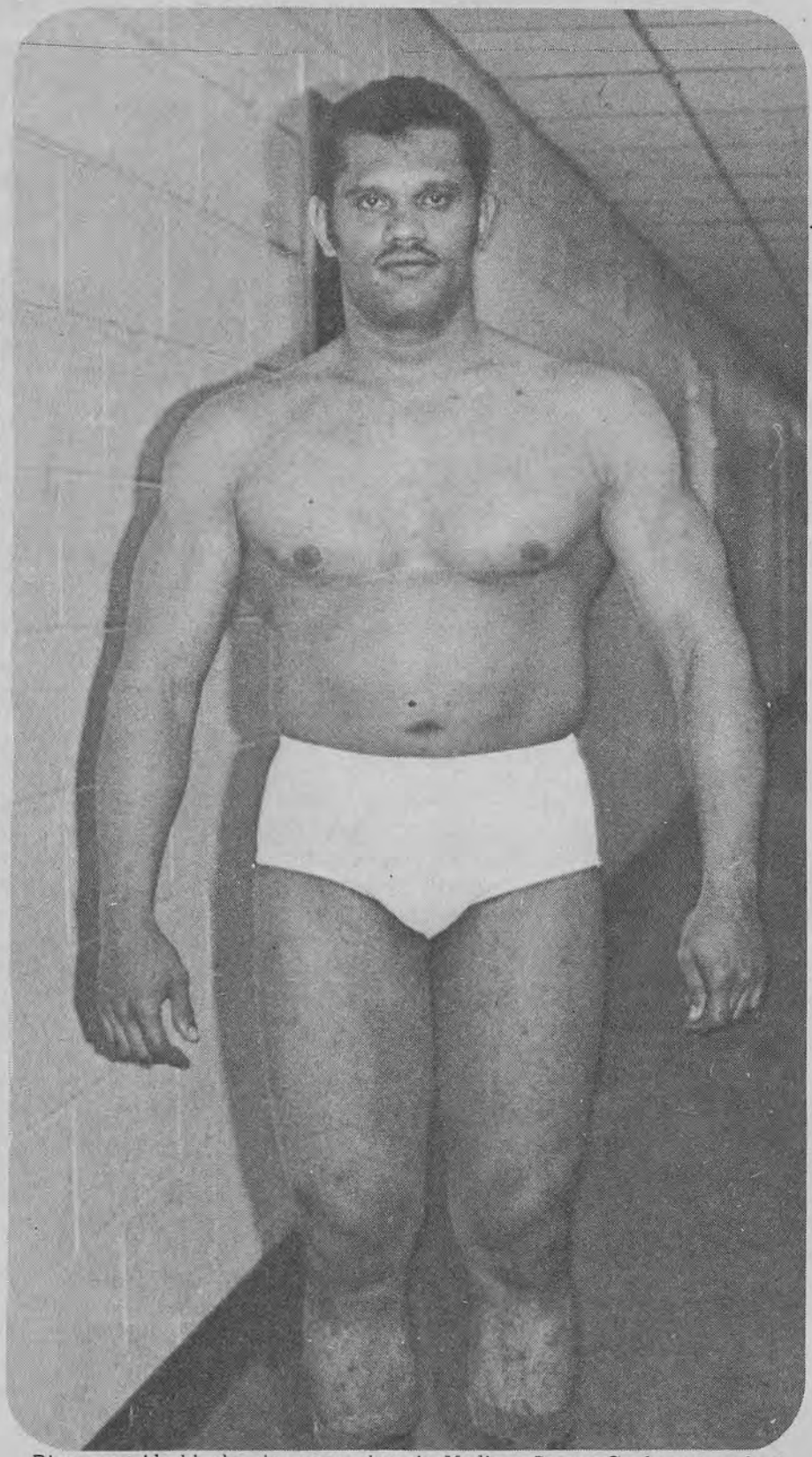
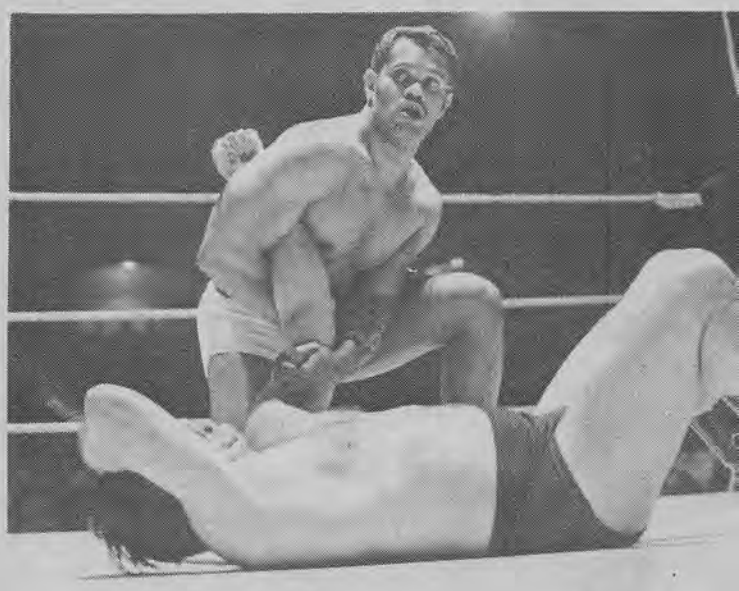


Victor Rivera intently studies the action in the ring awaiting a call from his partner.



Rivera outside his dressing room door in Madison Square Garden where he is one of the most popular stars.

Bill Cardille interviews Victor and Manuel Soto before a tag team battle.



Victor applies a painful armlock to Baron Scicluna during their match.

By GEORGE NAPOLITANO

Every area has its share of popular, hero-type wrestlers and the East Coast is no exception. Here in the W.W.W.F. territory the most popular wrestler today is without a doubt the sensational Puerto Rican grappler, Victor Rivera. Whenever Rivera is in the ring, the fans can be sure they will witness a thrilling bout from start to finish.

Victor, using a wide assortment of aerial maneuvers, which include drop kicks, head scissors and cartwheels, always leaves the fans on the edge of their seats anticipating his next move. Once inside the ring, Victor is a man in perpetual motion. From the second that the opening bell rings, Victor goes all out to subdue his opponent and he is frequently quite successful.

Rivera owes all his success to his physical training. "You have to be in perfect condition when you step into that ring or you are out of luck," the popular Rivera stated. "I train with weights and I also do push-ups and Hindu squats every day. Besides this I always do roadwork to build up my legs and I do different exercises, like bridging to build up me neck. The only way to stay on top is to keep in good condition and I always try to do this."

Rivera has always been a strong believer in physical training. Rivera was born in Puerto Rico, came to America when he was a young boy. Upon hitting these shores, Victor enrolled in his local Y.M.C.A. where he began a program of weight lifting. "I started to lift weights and do gymnastics in order to build up my body. I always had this urge to lift weights and I joined the "Y" with this purpose in mind."

While enrolled there, Victor became friendly with quite a few amateur college wrestlers who also frequented the gym. These boys taught Victor all of their holds and counter holds and soon Rivera became as good as them. "After working out with these boys and learning many of the wrestling holds I knew that this was the sport that I wanted to enter."

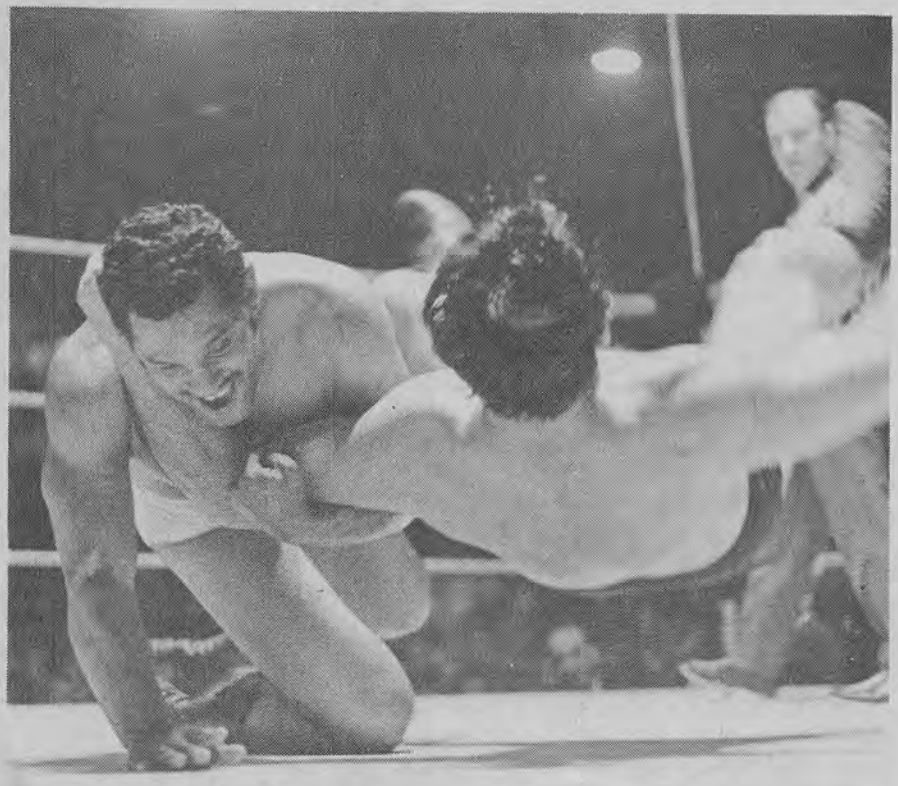
Victor continued to train and practice diligently day in and day out preparing himself for the rigors of the ring. Upon mastery of the essential tools, Rivera decided to turn professional. Returning to his native Puerto Rico, Victor at the age of 17½ engaged in his first professional match. Rivera wrestled in his homeland for two more years in which time he continued to formulate and mold a style that would someday make him a top-notch grappler.

After conquering the Puerto Rican area, Victor returned to the States where his thrilling style of wrestling soon opened up for him a huge following. Settling in California, Rivera teamed with Pedro Morales and together they captured the W.W.A. tag team title. "It was a great thrill for me to win that title," Rivera stated, "because it was the first title of any kind that I had held in the States."

Rivera and Morales held their title for close to a year. After losing the belts in a hotly disputed match, they parted company. Victor headed for the East Coast with his destination the W.W.W.F. territory, while Morales remained on the California circuit. His fantastic aerial style of wrestling, coupled with his aggressive style, put him right in the top of the heavyweight ranks. Within a few months, Victor quickly became the number two man in the W.W.W.F. territory, second only to the champion, Bruno Sammartino. Victor maintained this lofty position throught his stay in the East.

Rivera piled up victory after victory over all of the top talent in the area not only in singles matches but also in tag-team encounters as well. Teaming up with Tony Marino, this popular duo captured the International Tag-Team title from the team of Professor Tanaka and Mitsu Arakawa, the Judo experts from Japan. Marino and Rivers held this title for several

The popular Puerto Rican is about to throw Baron Scicluna for a loop. This match took place in White Plains.

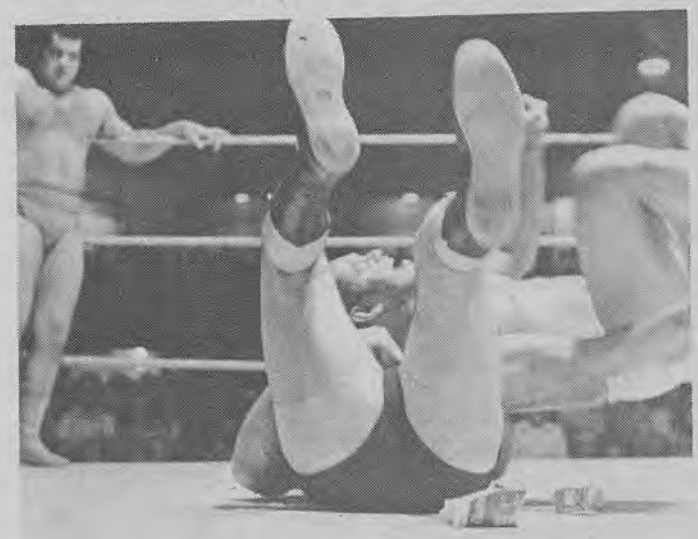


Rivera flips the Baron during their match which turned into a real brawl before it was over.

months but due to conflicting bookings in different parts of the country, they were unable to train together as a team.

As a result, Marino and Rivera lost their title to the Mongols. "If Tony and I had more of a chance to train together, we never would have lost the belts," Rivera stated after their defeat, "To be successful as a tag-team, you have to have perfect teamwork and this comes about only through training and working together. Marino is a great wrestler but we just didn't have the opportunities to work out together. This is the reason we lost."

After this defeat, Victor searched for another partner to help him regain the title. Rivera tried many partners but none seemed to click until he had the opportunity to wrestle with Bruno Sammartino. "Sammartino is just fantastic," Rivera stated. "We always did terrific when we wrestled together. He is the best man to have in your corner because he is strong, powerful and he will do anything he can to win a match. Before every one of our matches we used to work out at the gym together practicing different holds, tactics and maneuvers which we would use in our match and we always came out victorious."



Victor comes down on his victim with a perfectly executed cartwheel as his tag team partner, Pedro Morales in this case, watches.

Rivera gives King Curtis Iaukea a dose of the same medicine that the Hawaiian had been dishing out.

Rivera and Sammartino proved to be a tremendous tag-team combination. However, due to the many commitments which Sammartino had as a champion, they were unable to wrestle together regularly.

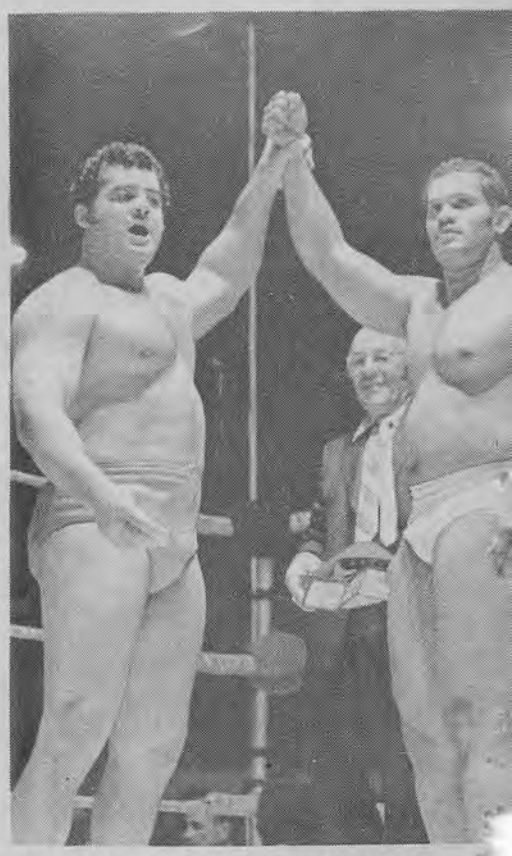
After a long stay in the W.W.W.F. area, Rivera embarked on a world tour which took him to Europe, Australia and Japan. "The tour was great," Rivera stated. "I love to travel and it was just fantastic to see all of those countries and the different ways that the people live. I was very successful on the tour and I am looking forward to returning there someday soon."

When the tour was completed, Victor returned to the States, settling in the Buffalo-Cleveland area. Here he battled all of the top contenders in the N.W.F. territory and he once again proved to be very successful. After a brief stay in this area, Rivera returned to the W.W.W.F. territory. Upon arrival he learned that Bruno Sammartino had been defeated for the title and this was a shock to Rivera. "It was so different not seeing Bruno around anymore. I didn't think he would ever be defeated. However, when I found out that Pedro Morales had captured the title that Bruno had lost I was very glad because Pedro has always been my good friend. We grew up together in New York and we get along terrific."

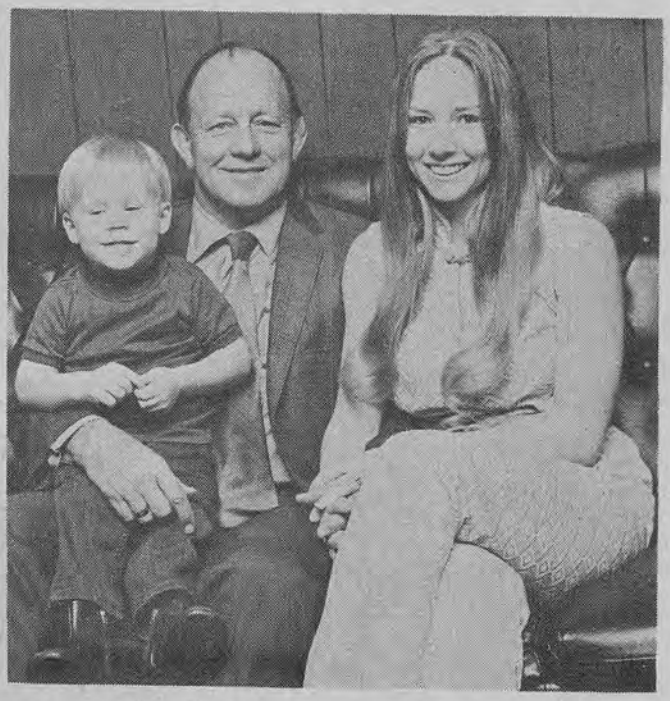
At present, Victor Rivera is still wrestling in the W.W.W.F. territory appearing in singles matches as well as teaming quite often with the champion Pedro Morales, Manny Soto, Chief Jay Strongbow or Gorilla Monsoon in search of the tag-team title. Rivera's goal is to become the best in his chosen field and it is in search of this quest that might lead Victor Rivers to embark for another area. "I want to be the number one wrestler in the world. I have trained long, hard and diligently with this intention in mind and I would like to achieve this goal."

With his good friend and country man, Pedro Morales, as the Champion of the W.W.W.F., it is unlikely that Victor Rivera would ever get the opportunity to wrestle for the championship. For this reason you might be seeing Rivera in your area in the near future.

If you ever get the opportunity to see this young star wrestle, you can rest assured that you will be seeing a spectacular grappler who may someday achieve his goal.



Victor Rivera and Pedro Morales are declared the winners of a tag team match, much to the delight of their many fans.



Mr. and Mrs. George Becker and their two year old son, Craig Allen. Will he follow his parents and become a wrestler.

Promoter George Becker now does much of his wrestling work via the telephone.

THE GEORGE BECKER STORY

Part II and Conclusion George Carries On After The Death Of His Brother Bobby.

By GENE GORDON

There is a picture in one of my scrapbooks which shows George Becker giving blood at the Charlotte, N.C., blood bank. His brother Bobby and a nurse stand nearby, watching. It is one of the last photos ever taken of the fames Becker Brothers.

They were at their peak then, the toast of the wrestling world. But tragedy struck, on Thanksgiving Day, 1954.

Bobby Becker had been sick for some time, but other than George and the immediate family, nobody else knew anything about it.

Bobby and George wrestled a match with Mr. Moto and Hans Schnabel in Greenville, S.C. Two weeks later, Bobby Becker was dead.

After the match, Bobby wasn't feeling right and went to a Charlotte doctor, who sent him to a hospital for tests. His condition became worse and he was flown to a hospital in New York City, where he died two days after arriving.

"Death Breaks Up the Famed Becker Wrestling Combo," the newspaper headlines said. The wrestling world mourned.

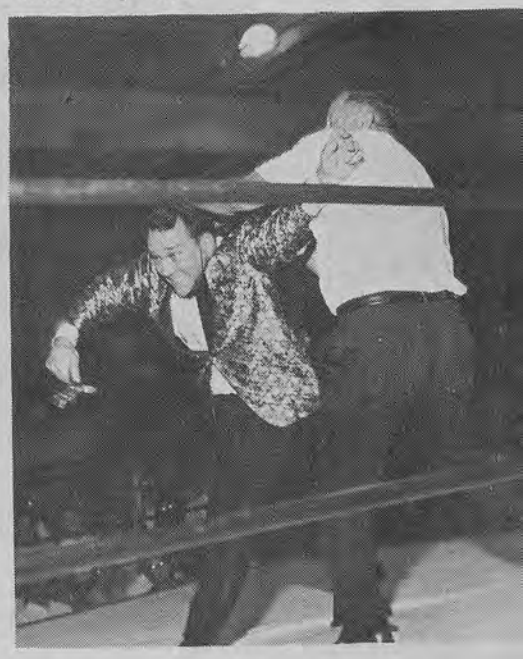
A Kansas City sports writer, Jim Chemi, had this to say:

"Bobby and George Becker, one of the nation's most outstanding tag team combinations, have been split up. They wrestled in nearly every major arena from coast to coast. It is with sadness of heart that we write of Bobby's death, for we are happy to have known him personally, and to have covered many of his matches in the Kansas City region in recent years."

Bobby Becker was truely a game scrapper and a great athlete. Sportsmanship was more than just a

George clamps a headlock on The Mummy as Johnny Weaver watches during a tag match two years ago.

Manager J.C. Dykes gets some rough treatment from Becker during one of their many feuds.



word to him. The late Bobby Becker will be remembered as a gracious and noble athlete. He will not be forgotten.

Charlotte promoted Jim Crockett was particularly saddened by Bobby's death. Bobby and George had appeared in Charlotte many times and were head and shoulders over the rest of the wrestlers for appeal. Bobby's last appearance in Charlotte was in October, 1954 at Griffith Park, with Jack Dempsey as the guest referee.

The Beckers were a fabulous twosome and they have never been equalled. Their names were box-office magic from coast to coast. As Jim Crockett said, "They were the Lone Ranger to wrestling fans, only twice as much so. Thay had that certain something which stimulated a crowd to the highest pitch, The fans never seemed to tire of seeing them."

George Becker quit wrestling for a while after Bobby died. "It just didn't feel right, with him gone," he said. "We were so much alike at heart. We thought alike. Wrestling was Bobby's life and he had planned to stay in the profession as a promoter when his active career was over. He often spoke of settling down and buying a home on Long Island. He would have made a good promoter. He was smart in business, had a good head."

After a time, George went back to

George Becker and Johnny Weaver with some of their fans. They were the most popular team in the Carolinas area for the past decade until Becker retired.

Bobby and George Becker back in 1952. One of the greatest tag teams in our sport's history.

Mr. and Mrs. George Becker with Vicki Williams. Joyce Becker teamed with Vickie when she was Joyce Grable before her marriage to George.

Jim Crockett and George Becker. For many years George was Jim's biggest star. Now they are on opposite sides in a promotion war.

wrestling, and found a young college student, Jack Witzig, from Eau Clair, Wisconsin, who had turned professional and was doing well as a scientific star in southern rings and was popular with the fans. They teamed up, and together they won the Southern Tag Team Cchampionship in the Carolinas, and also became recognized as World Tag Team champs. Some time later, however, Witzig decided to quit wrestling to resume his studies, and today he is a successful dentist in Minnesota.

Becker looked around for another tag team partner, eventually teaming up with young Dick Steinborn, son of the famed old time pro, Milo Steinborn, who later became a promoter in Orlando, Florida.

The Becker-Steinborn combination was a sensation in the Caroline-Virginia area in 1956 and 57, but then Dick Steinborn decided to go it alone, as a single. Becker then had several other tag team mates. He and Sandy Scott were a very strong combo, and they also held the Southern championship. If I remember correctly they won it from either the Dusek Brothers or Mr. Moto and Kinji Shibuya. In 1958 Becker teamed with Enrique Torres, older brother of Al Torres. They were very successful. One of their best remembered contests was a victory over The Great Bolo, a masked sensation at the time, and Larry Hamilton, known as the Missouri Mauler, before a sellout crowd at the Charlotte Coliseum in a cold winter night in 1958.

Torres decided to return to California but Becker wanted to remain in the South since he had adopted Charlotte as his home and had lived there with his family since the early 1950's. Again another fine team was broken up.

Other wrestlers who teamed with George after Enrique Torres left were the popular Mohawk Indian from Canada, Billy Two Rivers, and another Indian star, Bobby Red Cloud. "Red Cloud and I were a good team. We were together for six months," George said.

Johnny Weaver and Becker then formed a splendid team, but more about this later. He also teamed at times with the famous barefoot South American, Antonio (Argentina) Rocca.

When I asked George who he

considered to be the greatest wrestlers of his day, he didn't hesitate to name Lou Thesz and Karl Gotch, and I had to agree with him 100 percent. The biggest crowd he ever wrestled before was at an amateur tournament in Philadelphia which drew 80,000 people in a big ballpark. He showed me two beautiful medals he won as an amateur, one in 1932 and another in 1934 (the AAU medal). He still has a belt he won in 1938 at a tournament in New Orleans. It was for the World's Light Heavyweight Championship, and some of the wrestlers in the tournament were Rex Mobley, Tug Wilson, Farmer Jones, Angelo Martinelli and Tex Riley.

George recalls the late Tex Riley as a very capable wrestler, and they also tag-teamed during the 1950's for a short while around Knoxville, Tenn. Riley was never more than a junior heavyweight, but he's well remembered. He often defeated men who outweighed him by 40 pounds or more. Tex died of a heart attack in the early 1960's.

"One of the single matches which stands out in my memory was with Farmer Jones. I wrestled the Farmer for two hours and 15 minuted without a fall being scored. It was a draw. He was a wrestler I admired and respected, a real shooter."

Other names who stay fresh in Becker's memory as opponents are the Swedish Angel, Rebel Bob Russell, Tommy O'Toole, Ray Villmer, Jack LaRue, Stan Mayslock and George Temple, brother of Shirley Temple, the movie star of the 30's. George recalls that he and Temple wrestled as a tag team also when he first went to California, and that Shirley Temple used to attend the matches.

Becker has many fond memories of California. In 1947 he was on the Los Angeles card when Primo Carnera made his first appearance after World War II. Carnera's opponent that night was the late Tommy O'Toole of Phoenix, Ariz. He and Bobby used to sing at KTLA studio in Los Angeles, owned by Paramount Studios. Promoter Jules Strongbow did the announcing. One of the biggest fans out there was Ingred Bergman. She asked George to name a hold for her, and he came up with the "Arch of Triumph." Becker's fan club president at that time was Susan Roberts of Los Angeles, who later became Liberace's

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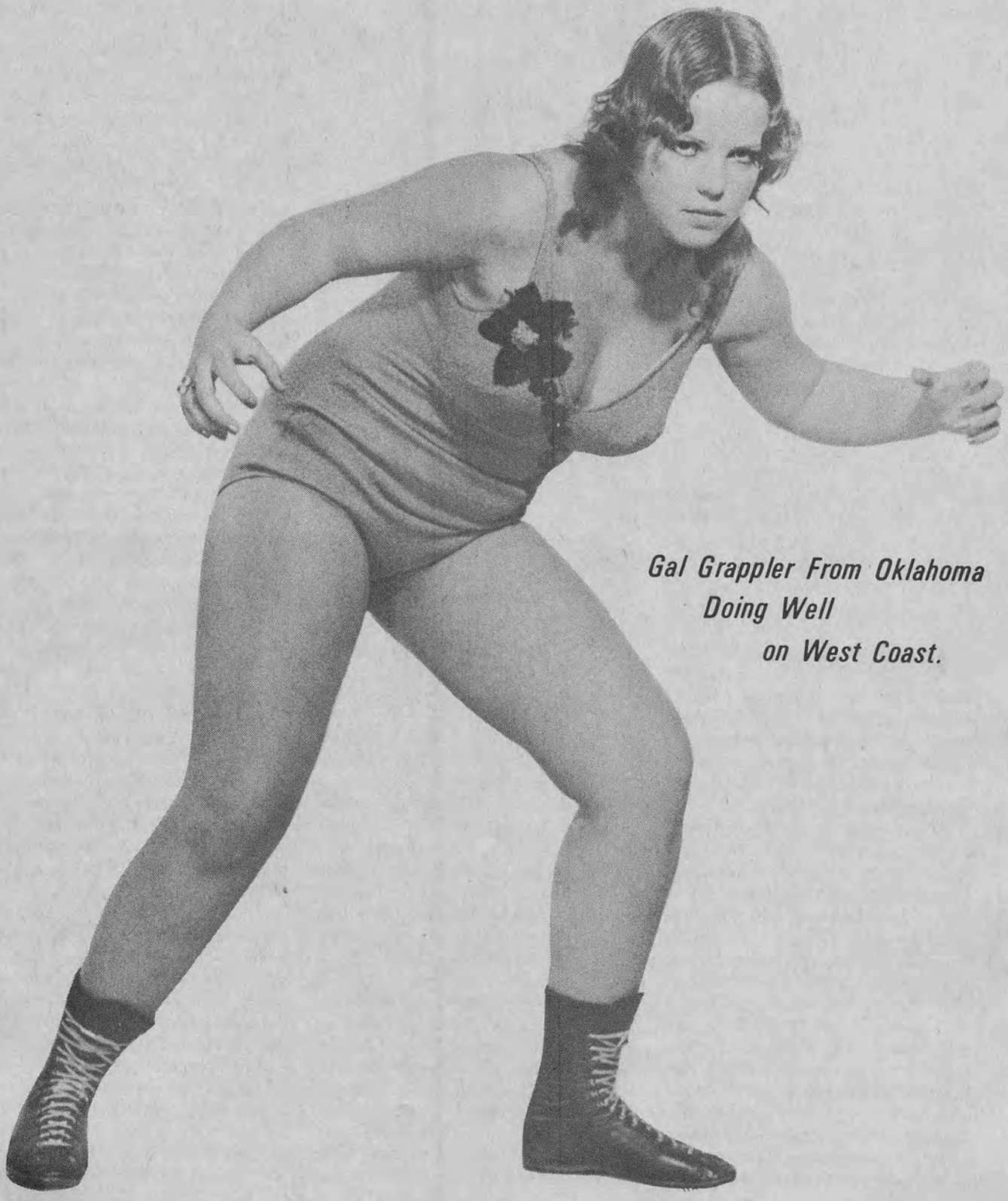
George Becker has his famous abdominal stretch on Pampero Firpo during a tag match between Becker-Weaver and Firpo-Missouri Mauler.

Becker and Weaver tangle with The Missouri Mauler (Rocky Hamilton) and Pampero Firpo outside the wrestling ring.

JACKIE WEST



Gal Grappler From Oklahoma
Doing Well
on West Coast.

By AL LEWIS

If you ran into Jackie West on the street, you'd unconsciously think of her as someone's 'kid sister.' Average height, nice face, sparkling eyes, rosy cheeks and a smile that, if turned on full force, could melt a rock. But be warned: this sweetlooking 'kid sister' can easily throw whoever gets her riled right through the window. This 'girl next door' has muscles. No cheer-leader type is she – she's a lady wrestler.

Born in Oklahoma, Jackie got the grappling bug like many of her fellow lady bone-benders did; she saw some top names in the business committing organized mayhem on each other in the squared circle. "That really blew my mind," Jackie recalls. "I was always a bit of a tomboy and I liked athletics in school. But when some friends of mine got me to go with them to a wrestling match, I really got going. I'd seen it on television, but right on the spot was the first time I had ever seen ladies going at it. I decided that this was what I wanted to do. I've always been a bit of a kook, but even my friends said this was the weirdest thing I ever did."

"There were a couple of times I'd thought I'd quit, those training sessions and the exercises. Every part of me was a wreck. At times, I felt like I couldn't walk for a week, but Mildred (Mildred Burke, the gal who held the lady's world championship undefeated for 18 years) kept telling me to keep going, that it wouldn't be so bad after awhile. I'm pretty grateful to her for keeping me going."

Jackie prefers the "clean" school of wrestling, but when an opponent starts overdoing it on the rough stuff or keeps up the foul tactics, her temper goes off like an A-bomb and the evil-doer finds she has an enraged tigress on her hands.

In the ranks of girl wrestlers, there will always be feuds going, and Jackie is no exception. Her target is big Sharon Lee, a real toughie who has the edge on Jackie in both height and weight. Each time the two have tangled, it's been a knock-down, drag-out Pier Six brawl that sometimes has ended with one or both of the girls bloodied or staggered. One match turned into a near bloodbath.

"It was about the second or third time we'd gone against each other, and by that time, we knew we didn't like each other in the ring. After a couple of minutes we forgot about the rules. At least I had to, if I wanted to stay in one piece. Sharon's a mean one in the ring. It's like the only thing she enjoys is to tear an opponent apart."

Sharon's tactics had West staggered, until the Lee girl made a mistake. She grabbed Jackie's red hair and used it to pull her across the ring and ram her into the ring post. "That hair-drag was bad enough; it hurt like crazy! But when she put me into that post, my head got cut and the blood started. I blew my stack and went after her."

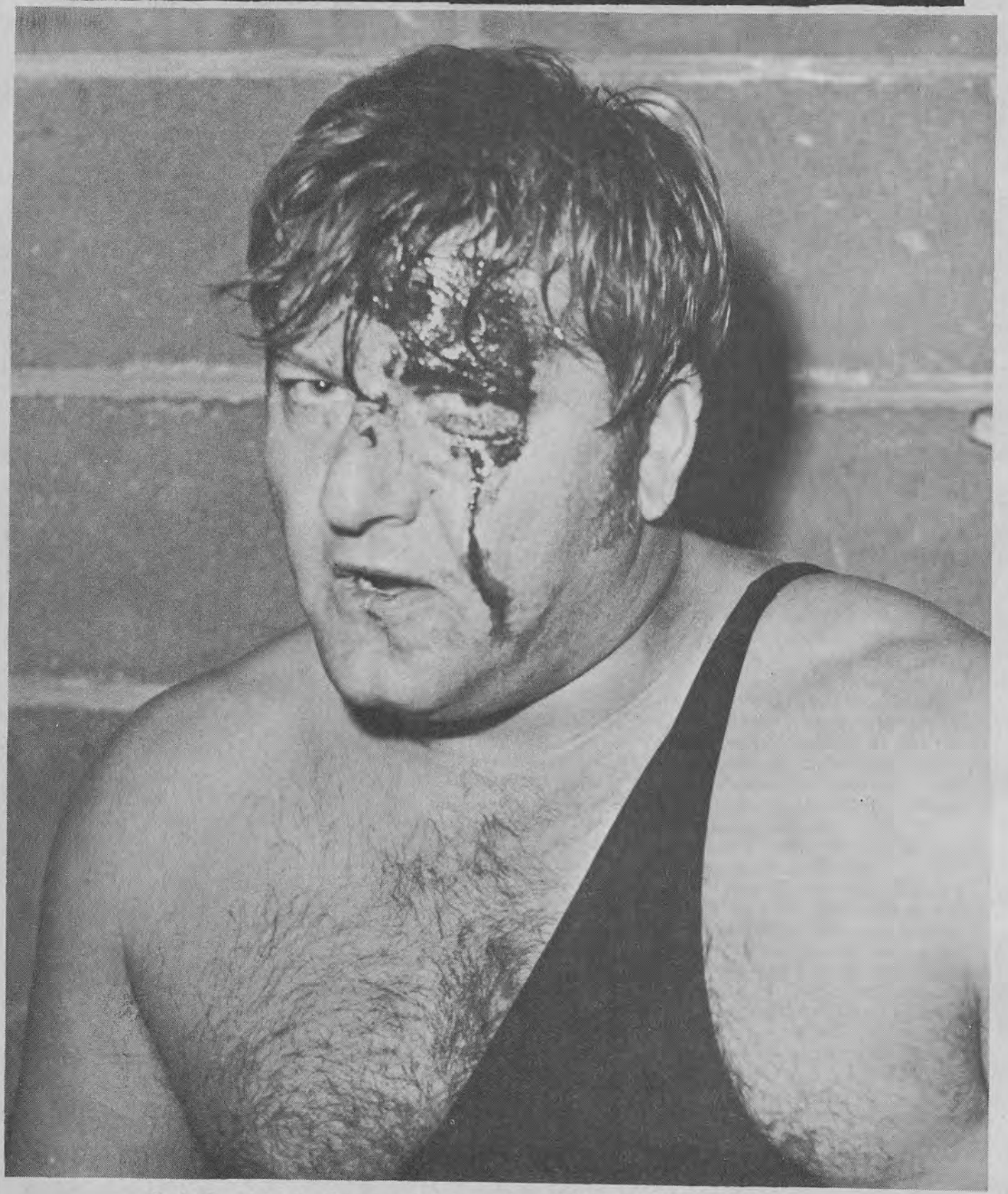
Anyone who was there saw the match change into a full-scale cat-fight, with Jackie and Sharon Lee tearing into each other until both girls had cuts on the arms, legs and a couple on their faces with the blood flowing. However, while this may have been a rough match, it also ended in a double disqualification when the brawl carried over onto the outside cement. As the two girls kept at each other, the referee was forced to count them out.

"That was one wild match," Jackie recalls. "We've had at each other a few more times since then, and we'll probably keep at it. As far as I'm concerned, I'd end up feuding with somebody, that's part of wrestling. That's what helps keep it interesting. But sooner or later, we'll have to settle things. And I'm ready. I've learned one thing; when you get into the same ring with Sharon Lee, you're taking your life in your hands. With her, I'll have to throw away the rule book."

Does she intend to keep on wrestling? "You bet," Jackie replied, enthusiasm evident in her voice. "I enjoy doing what I'm doing. I'm being myself, and that's the most important thing. Anyway, I'd kind of like to get that championship belt."

Just then the call came for Jackie to get to the wrestling ring for her match with Cowgirl Sandy Starr. With a bounce in her walk, and that 'kid next door' smile, Jackie West made her way to the ring for another match in her career that is rocketing upwards.

THE BLOODY CANADIAN BRUISER



Bob Sweetan's Successful Invasion Of The United States.

By LIL AL VAVASSEUR

Bruiser Bob Sweetan spent his early years in professional wrestling in his native Canada. Those who follow wrestling know that the calibre of grapplers in the country north of the border is on a par with those from the United States. Bob Sweetan was one of the best wrestlers that Canada produced in recent years. He gained main event status in such cities as Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa.

The Bruiser became the most feared grappler in Canada and gained victories over both the top stars from his native country and also the stars from the United States who ventured up into Canada.

Last year he decided that it was time to go after bigger things. Bob Sweetan thought he was ready to go after the North American Heavyweight Championship. That title has been the goal of his wrestling tour of the United States. During his year here he has wrestled in almost every major mat center and the one thing he is working toward is a title match with Cowboy Bill Watts.

Sweetan wants to win the North American Heavyweight Championship and take it back to Canada. He wants to win the title so badly that he will use any method, no matter how brutal or unorthodox, to accomplish that end.

Cowboy Bill Watts will indeed have to watch his step when he goes against

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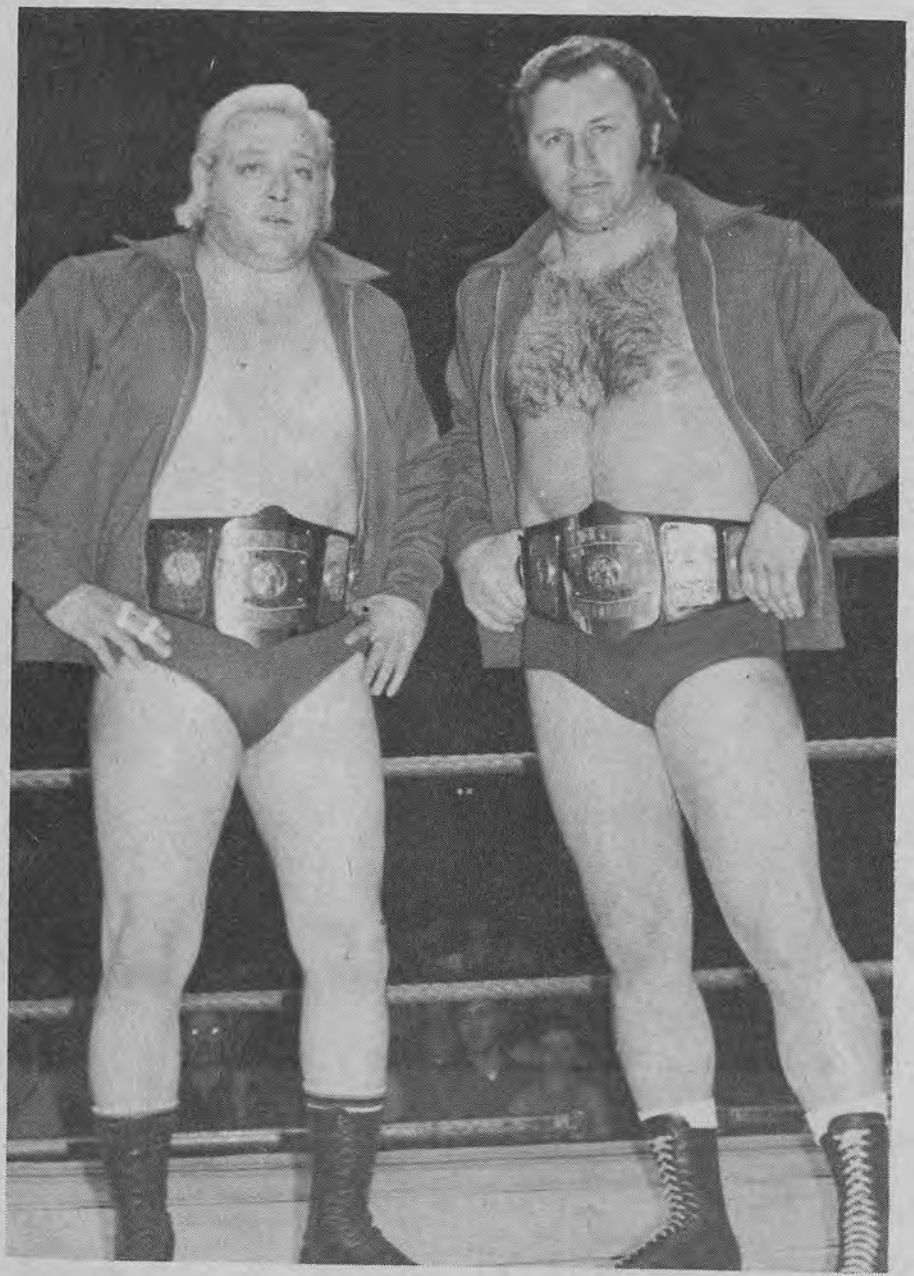
Bruiser Bob Sweetan and Kay Noble pose before they appeared as a mixed tag team in Louisiana. That type of match is very popular down south.

-CONCLUSION

THE SAGA OF NICK BOCKWINKEL AND RAY STEVENS

The second and final part of the feature on the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Champions



Ray Stevens and Nick Bockwinkel with their A.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship belts.

CHAPTER 2: RAY STEVENS
TWICE THE NOISE OF SOUND

By G. R. ANTHONY

What did Ray Stevens expect when he got off the plane in Minneapolis? Orange blossoms? Grapefruit leaves? Date palms waving in the breeze?

He stood and looked around in stark disbelief at this beautiful northland paradise, and he said, "This has got to be the most dismal, dreary town I have ever seen."

And then he traveled through the city as evening approached. He saw some of the most beautiful (and beautifully dressed) girls in the world being escorted to dinner and to the theatre. When he appeared on television a bit later he still had that look of utter disbelief on his face. "You women here in the Twin Cities had better get dressed up when you come to see me wrestle," he blurted. Then he confided loudly to the interviewer Marty O'Neil that he had never seen a frumpier looking bunch of women in his life.

Where did you come from anyway, Ray Stevens? I've been to California and I loved every minute of it, but it's not the solid gold-plated paradise you claim.

And I've been to Minneapolis. In fact, it's such a great place I decided to be born there.

Then I met Ray. I looked at him and he looked at me and this was the conversation:

I eyed him skeptically, "I guess we're off on the wrong foot."

"How's that?" he asked.

"You weren't very nice about my home town."

"What is your home town?"

"Minneapolis."

"Well, there are a lot of towns I don't like. The only difference between me and other guys is, maybe

Tricky Nicky shoves Mad Dog Vachon into their corner so he and Ray can double team Vachon.

they don't like it but they don't say anything. When I don't like something I tell people."

"I guess you do. You're a very outspoken person."

"This is true about a lot of things. If you tell people the truth – well, people don't like to hear the truth. When I say Minneapolis is dismal and it's cold, people don't want to hear that. But it's the truth, and I don't particularly care if they like it or they don't."

And then it was time for his match. He climbed into the ring like he owned it, and then he took a forearm smash – Man it was sweet! "Minneapolis," I thought to myself, "will not like you very much either, Mr. Stevens."

But it was the last negative thought I had. Ray had gotten control of the situation and his opponent was outclassed and outmaneuvered from then on. I got a kink in my neck when I saw his Bombs Away – up into the lights and like a missile down onto the poor guy's midsection. The match was finished then and there.

When I talked to Ray a few minutes later, he wasn't even out of breath. Like him or not, right then and there I felt a tremendous respect for Ray Stevens – a rough and brutal daredevil, boastful and insulting as he may be, he is master of his profession.

Ray was a wrestling fan since he can remember. When he was just a little kid all he could think of was wrestling, and by the time he was nine years old he was right in there grappling with guys a lot bigger than he was.

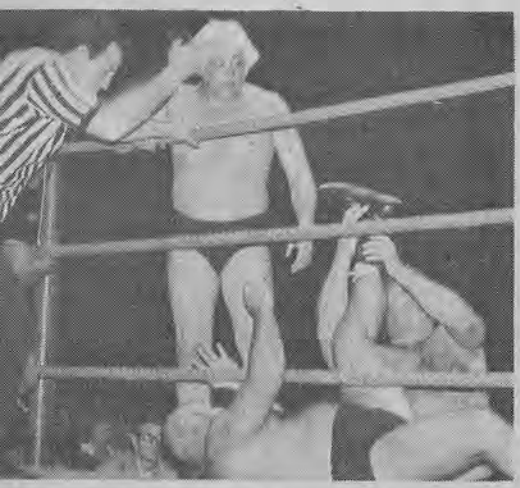
Right off the bat it was rough, and it taught him to be rougher than they were if he wanted to win. He wanted to win – that was the only reason he was in there. Ray Stevens as a kid must have had a competitive spirit like

Ray exerts pressure on a leg hold to almost force Mad Dog into a submission.

The Crusher throws Ray Stevens across the ring in this action in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Nick Bockwinkel clamps a headlock on Red Bastien. It was from Bastien and The Crusher that Ray and Nick took the title.

Bockwinkel has half Boston Crab on Mad Dog Vachon in this Milwaukee bout.



Bockwinkel grabs Mad Dog's leg from outside the ring as Stevens is about to deliver a kick.

You can see the insane fury in the face of Ray Stevens as he claws at the eyes of The Crusher.

you wouldn't believe because by the time he was 14 he wrestled in the Junior Olympics in Columbus, Ohio. And he won three weight divisions in it.

There was a big training camp in Columbus and Ray worked out with the tough old pros. Still just as a kid, he wrestled there against Ed "Strangler" Lewis, Dick Shikat, Farmer Burns and men of that calibre. Ray wouldn't have lasted two minutes with that kind of competition if he hadn't been good. He lasted, and at 15 was ready to turn professional.

Look around at the wrestlers in any area of the United States. How many of them were proficient enough at 15.

Ray Stevens is one in a million. No matter what any one of you think of him personally, the word respect pops into every conversation about him. Even opponents who say they hate his guts also admit to a great deal of respect for his ability.

At 15 Ray weighed 195 pounds. He had been working out for years by that time, and wrestling is a tremendous body-builder. By the age of 16 Ray had a 20-inch neck. If he had gone on to college and played football he would surely have been besieged by the pros. But the money was too good in wrestling, and now he's glad he stuck with it.

He isn't too sure he would recommend wrestling professionally today to a young man though. "You get to the stage where you want to retire and there's no retirement," he said, "and believe me, you get crippled up and hurt pretty bad in this business. You start feeling it when you get to be 30 years old."

Ray doesn't look like he feels anything but great. He's fast and light on his feet and he manages to make hash out of most of the opponents he meets in the ring. He's ruthless in the ring. He's aloof outside the ring. "I don't like to associate with people," he said. "I pick the people I want to be around – that's just my nature."

His nature is also that of a daredevil. Flying, racing, wrestling – motorcycles, stock cars, Brahma bulls, bucking broncs, they're his whole existence. He lays his life on the line almost every day he lives, and he loves every minute of it.

"That's right," he said, "I'm not married, so I can go where I want to go and do what I want to do. I've combined careers for many years. When I was an amateur wrestler I was a race driver too. I drove stock cars, and then later on I drove midgets.

"Then in the 60's I started racing motorcycles. My good friend Joe Leonard, who races in the Indy 500, taught me how to race motorcycles. I'm also a professional cowboy. I rodeo RCA – the Rodeo Cowboy Association. It's the biggest rodeo association in the world. In fact, we're the only real pros that there are in the rodeo business."

Ray owns and flies his own airplane as does his partner, Nick Bockwinkel. Not long ago they were flying Ray's plane to get to a scheduled match when the plane developed engine trouble. It was Ray's cool head and skillful maneuvering that saved their lives that night. He pancaked into a farmer's field, made arrangements for the plane to be taken care of and took off in a rented car. The two of them had gotten shaken up and thrown around during the extremely rough "landing," but they acted just like nothing had happened.

They breezed into the auditorium, suited up, wrestled (and won) their respective matches, and it was only then that anyone knew of the close call the two had had earlier in the evening.

So there you have Ray Stevens, the carefree devil who travels at twice the speed (and twice the noise) of sound. From a family of non-wrestlers, he exercised the right of free choice at an early age and became one of the youngest men to win the U.S. Heavyweight title. He's held a record number of area titles, just about every one you can hold in the profession. He has been rated with the top 10 wrestlers in the world ever since he was 18 years old (an unparalleled feat).

Only two titles had eluded him prior to his arrival in 1972 and they were the coveted A.W.A. titles, the Heavyweight Championship and the Tag Team Championship, the last two remaining rungs of the ladder to achieve the ultimate in his profession.

Ray says he can beat Verne Gagne if he's given the chance. Nick Bockwinkel makes the very same claim. Watching the two in action, it appears highly possible that their claims are not mere boastful threats. Win, lose or draw, they would (either of them) give Gagne a run for his money he wouldn't soon forget.

Billy Robinson finds that Ray knows a few wrestling holds as well as brawling tactics in this photo taking during a match held in Milwaukee.

In this Winnipeg match Robinson has Stevens in a corner, while Billy's partner, Doctor "X", attempts to apply his figure four submission hold on Nick Bockwinkel.

Between falls, Stevens messages the injured neck of Bockwinkel so that Nick will be able to return to action.

They still are the proud possessors of the A.W.A. title belts and many say they are the best tag team in professional wrestling.

Nick and Ray teamed up seemingly by accident. While they're both mouthy guys the majority of the time, they didn't say much about how they happened to get together, So everyone assumed it was just a happy (or unhappy) coincidence.

"No accident at all," said Ray. "I have run across Nick several times in Australia. We've wrestled together in Honolulu and occasionally on the coast.

"Nick has always been a great wrestler, so we got together and decided to team up and give this great championship a whirl. We've worked very hard. We didn't tell anyone of it before, but it's all right to tell about it now. You know you don't just go out and win a championship by accident."

Suddenly I realized that all this cold-blooded mayhem was part of a carefully thought out plan. Here is the championship ladder with its roots planted firmly in the Upper Midwest. All the top wrestlers in the world eventually wind up somewhere on that ladder, fighting to get a toehold on the next rung up. Then along come Ray Stevens and Nick Bockwinkel and, without a backward glance, stomp their way up the ladder, treading on fingers and toes, heads and whole bodies like they were walking on ants at a picnic.

They got the Tag Team Championship in record time. The Crusher says they stole it. Maybe they did; I don't know. I wasn't in Denver that night. But the referee doesn't think they stole it. He says they won it, and he awarded the belts and trophy to them. That's good enough for me. I may not be happy that they are the champions, but that does not make them any less the champions.

They function beautifully as a team, and yet when you see them outside the ring they don't seem to pay much attention to each other. Ray explained it like this, "Well, Nick and I are completely different personalities. We think alike in the ring. You have to, to be a good team.

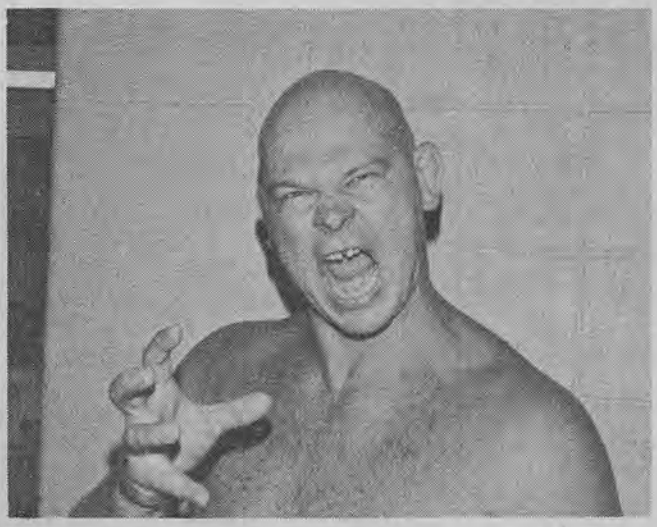
"But we don't associate much in our personal lives, just on business. We travel together a lot, but otherwise I go my way and Nick goes his."

Ray Stevens has but one more rung to climb. He is an aloof, independent, capable wrestler. He said, "I cater to nobody I have enough money so that I don't have to cater to fans, and enough ability that I cater to no wrestler – that about sums it up."

Nick Bockwinkel also has but one more rung to climb. He too is aloof, independent and capable. "I am a success," he said. "I am a winner. And winning is the name of the game."

BARON VON RASCHKE

The German With A Purpose



Baron von Raschke snarled at Wrestling Revue's editor when he snapped this photo in the dressing room.

The Baron attempts to apply his dreaded "face claw" on Verne Gagne during an A.W.A. title match in Chicago.

By NORMAN H. KIETZER

Baron von Raschke came to North America from Stuttgart, Germany, a few years ago and has carved out a bloody career in professional wrestling. The brutal grappling style of German wrestlers is typified best by the mad Baron as he leaves a string of victims across the country.

He has held the World Wrestling Association Heavyweight Championship and has also had matches with Dory Funk Jr. for the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship, with Verne Gagne for the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship, with Edouard Carpentier for the Grand Prix Heavyweight Championship and with Bruno Sammartino for the World Wide Wrestling Federation Heavyweight Championship.

The Baron has dodged no one in his steady climb to the top. His most brutal hold is probably the face claw. It is a master of this hold and has scored many victories. Wherever he appears, the Baron has become one of the most hated in the business.

They still talk about a bloody brawl in Canada when the Baron partnered Hans Schmidt. The two German grapplers so infuriated the fans of a city in Quebec that a riot broke out and they were showered with hundreds of chairs.

He drew what is generally considered the largest gross in mat history when he wrestled Verne Gagne for the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship in Chicago's Comiskey Park two years ago. 30,000 fans paid $148,000.000 that night as the Baron was unsuccessful in his attempt to win the title.

Baron von Raschke has set similar records in cities like St. Louis, Indianapolis, Detroit, Montreal, Quebec City, Houston, Dallas, Kansas City, Des Moines, and Fort Worth.

Everyone knows about the brutal, no-holds-barred style of the German. He will gouge, bite, stomp, claw, and kick his way to victory. Some have said that he is simply a brawler and that he knows nothing about scientific wrestling.

This is what he looks like at first glance, however I noticed something else when I saw him in action. I knew he looked familiar and also that he showed a sound knowledge of wrestling fundamentals. His brutal tactics are the only thing that most people notice, but to my practiced eye I saw that he also used a lot of sound wrestling.

It was not just the roughness, but also the use of scientific wrestling holds that kept the German on top in most of his matches. It is the combination of the two that makes him one of the most deadly wrestlers in the mat game today.

I said he was familiar. I soon remembered the face. It was almost a decade ago that I had first seen that face. It belonged to a cultured young man from Germany. I had seen him training in Minneapolis with the great Verne Gagne.

I remembered that this youngster had just been graduated from the University of Nebraska and that he was one of that school's outstanding wrestlers. He had come to Gagne and asked to be trained in the style of professional wrestling.

He stayed around Minneapolis for several months and worked out with many of the the top A.W.A. wrestling stars. Then he dropped out of sight and I had never connected the young German from the University of

The $148,000 gross that Gagne and Raschke drew in Chicago is still an all time record in professional wrestling.

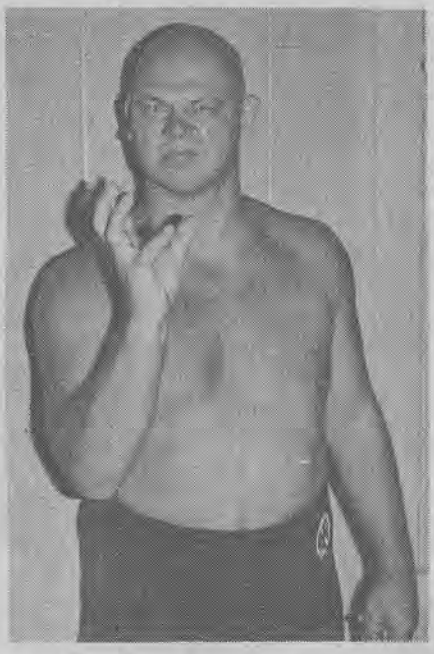
Nebraska with the hated Baron.

Yet the name, Raschke, and the face were the same. I checked into his background and found that it was indeed the same man. A member of an aristocratic family in Germany, he had come to the United States and wrestled at Nebraska and later trained with Gagne.

I couldn't get any information from the Baron, but apparently after he had finished college and trained with Gagne, he returned to Germany and he became the new Baron.

Some may think that this new title led to the complete change in the cultured young man that I once knew. I think it goes much deeper than that. I think that Baron von Raschke hatched out an evil plan before he ever came to the United States the first tine. I believe that he came here with one purpose in mind and that was to learn amateur wrestling and to gain the confidence of American wrestlers so that he could steal their secrets.

I believe that Baron von Raschke is typical of the young people of the New Germany. Although that country is now friendly with the United States, many cannot forget that many of their friends and family were killed by American soldiers in the two World Wars.



Raschke hardly ever has even a kind look for anyone. He is very uncommunicative toward reporters.

This hatred of Americans is held in check as they exploit our country as friendly businessmen, and I think that Raschke decided as a youngster that he was going to take away from the United States one of its most prized possessions – the World's Heavyweight Wrestling Championship.

I think that he planned out his move carefully and then when he thought that he had tapped all the secrets that he could he left and went back to Germany. When he returned as Baron von Raschke he thought that he was ready to accomplish this goal.

He has had several chances, but so far the German has not captured an undisputed claim to the World's Heavyweight Championship that he so dearly wants to take back to his Fatherland.

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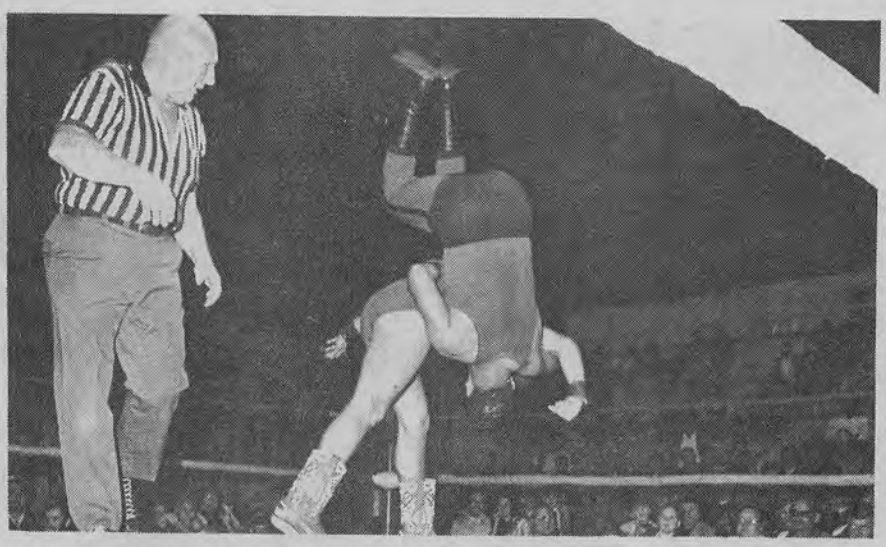


A hip throw by Frankie sends Goliath flying across the ring.

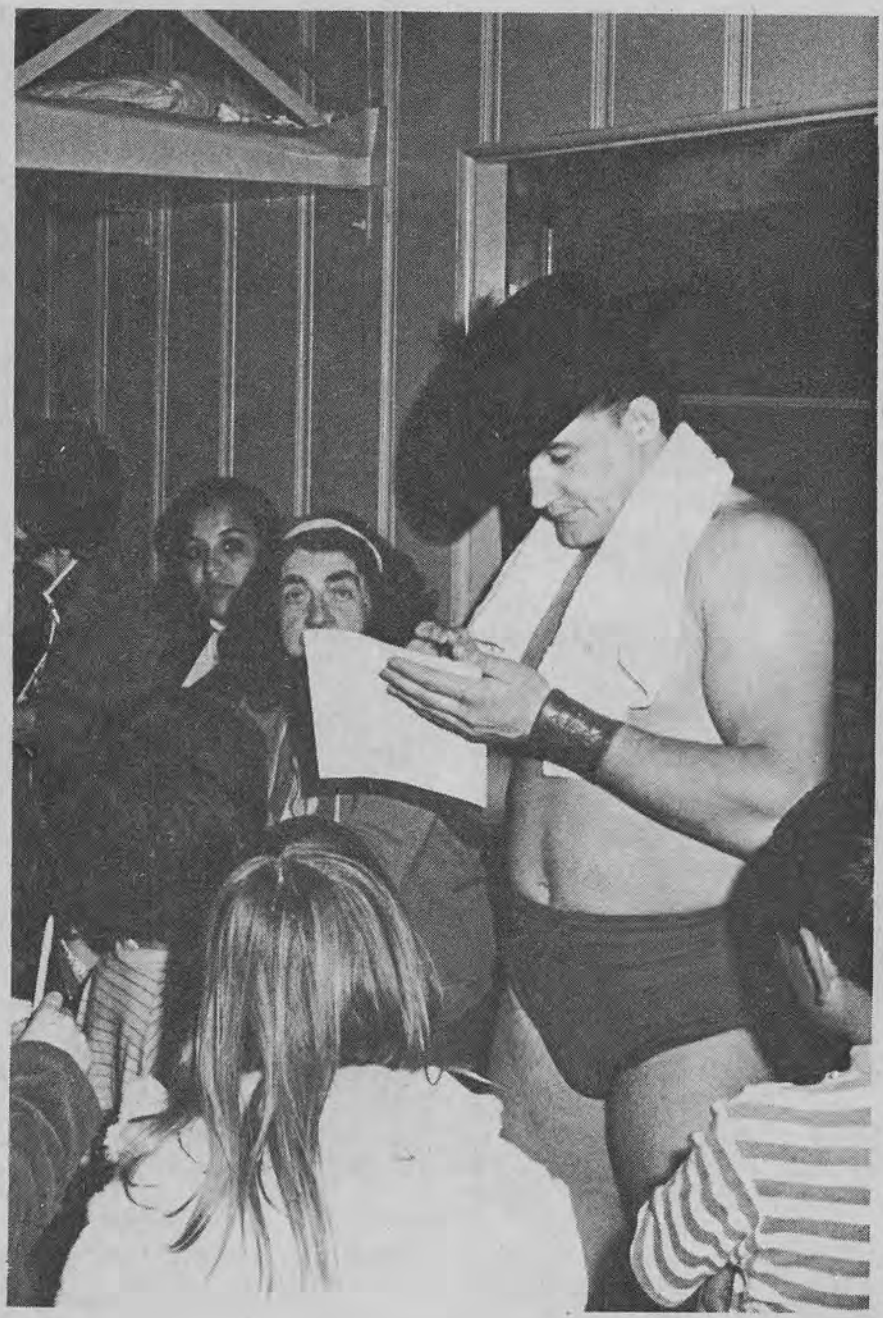
GOLIATH BATTLES COWBOY LAYNE

Action Feature From San Bernardino, California

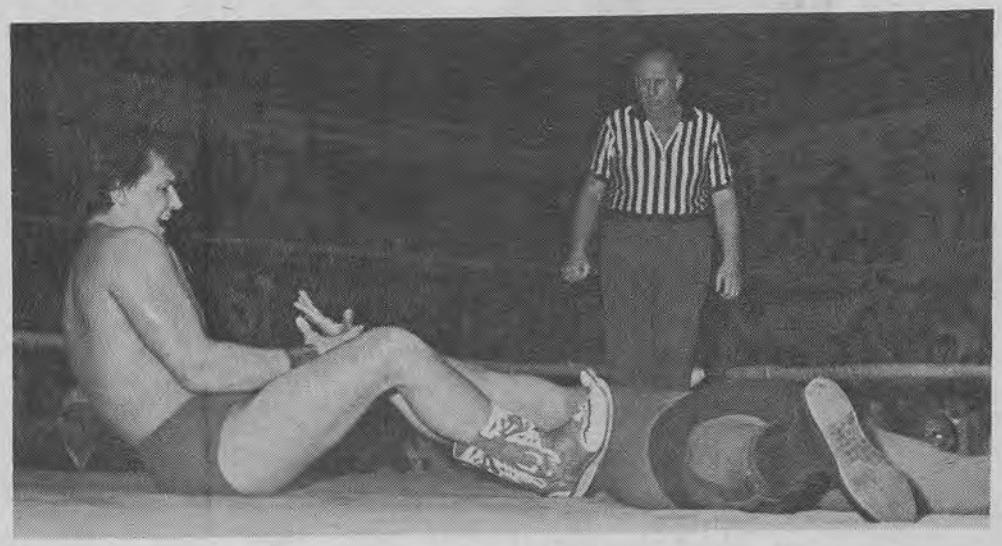
By PHIL MILLER

It ended in a draw, but both participants knew that they had been in a battle and so did the San Bernardino fans.

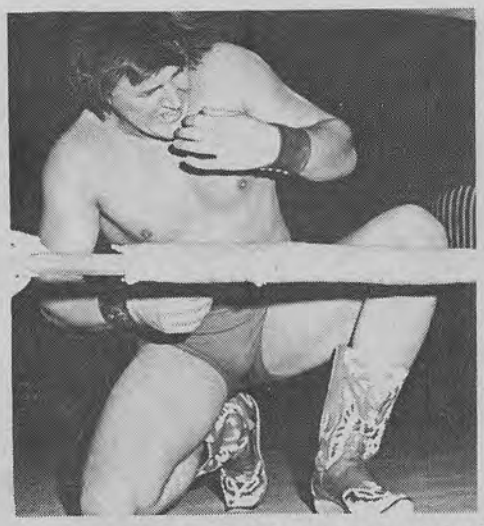
Big Cowboy Frankie Layne met Goliath in a singles match that pitted the evil Goliath against a young, clean fighting cowboy.



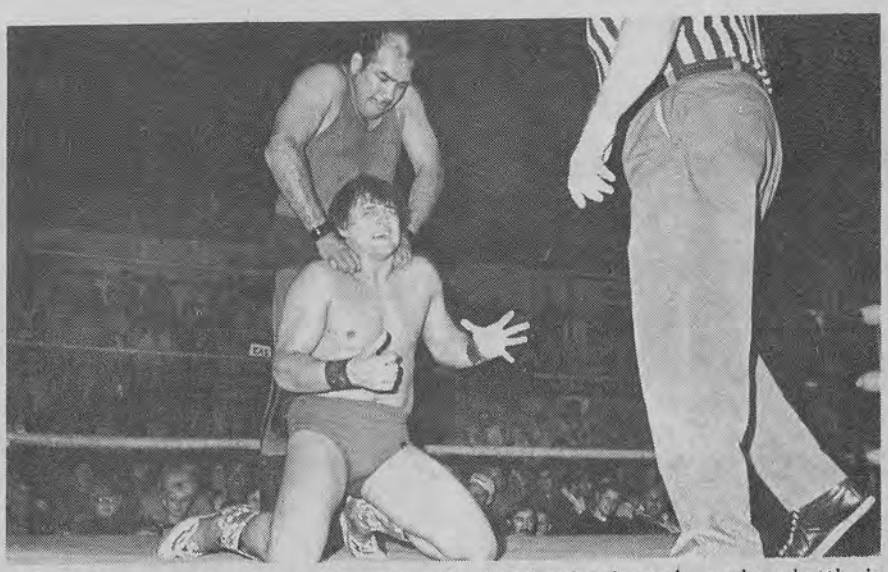
Young and old alike are fans of the popular Cowboy Frankie Layne. Here he signs autographs prior to the match.



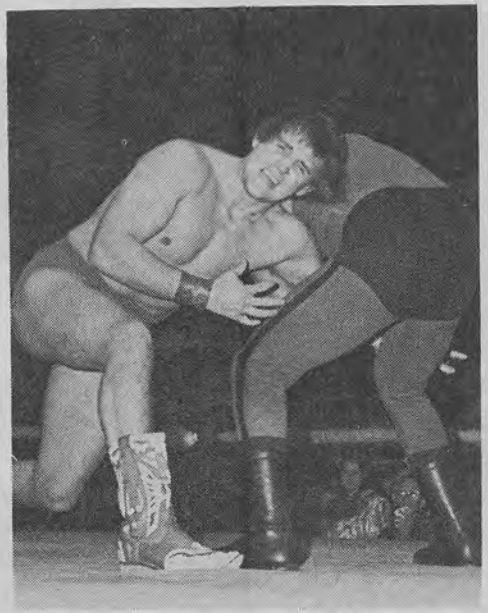
Goliath finds that a Frankie Layne arm stretch can be hard on the armpits and sockets.



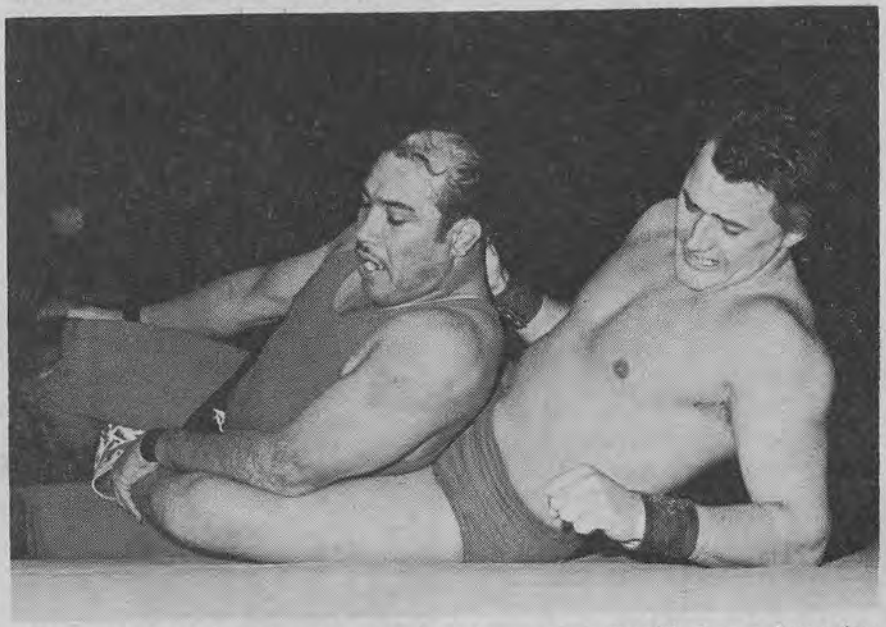
Layne seems dazed and was in a lot of trouble after a vicious biting attack by Goliath.



Goliath puts pressure on the nerves in the Cowboy's neck as they battle in the center of the San Bernardino ring.



Jerking an arm into a blocking position, Goliath tries to bring Layne to the mat.



Goliath leans back against Layne as he tries to work Frankie into a figure four leglock submission hold.

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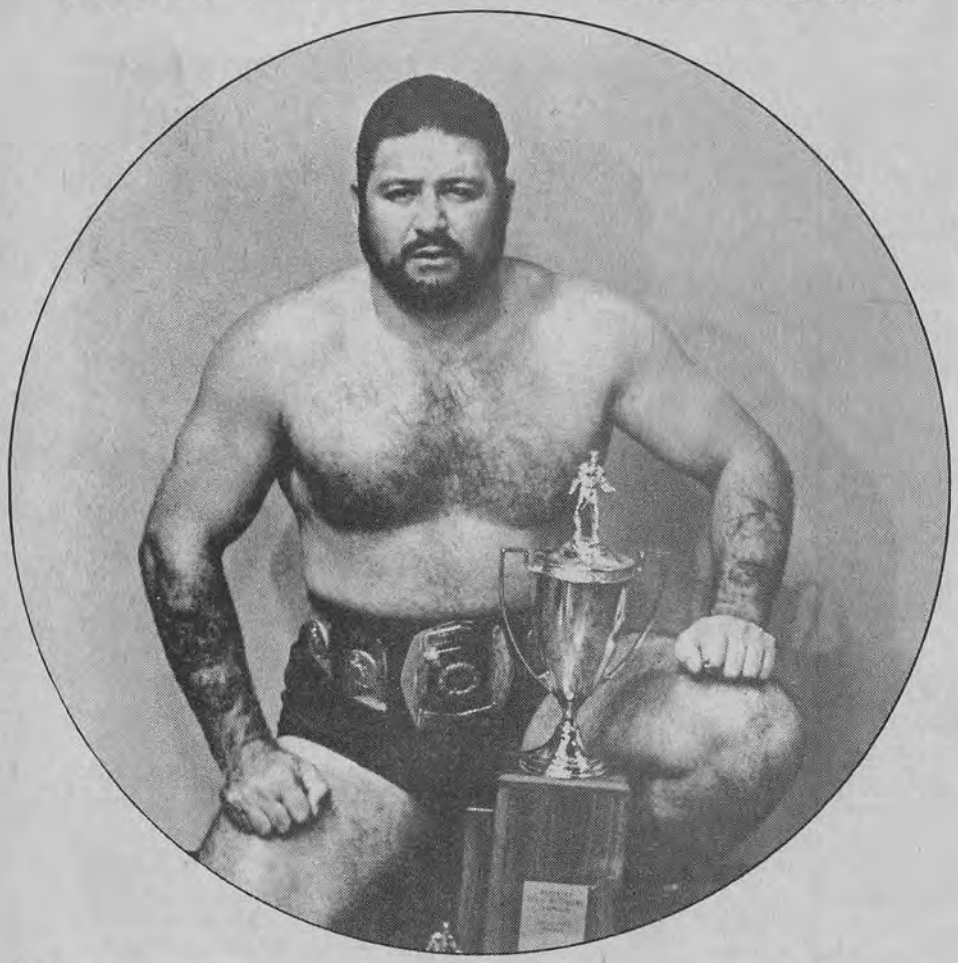
Pulaski follows a regular program of exercise and weight lifting to stay in shape.

MR. STAN PULASKI



Omaha's Favorite Son

By BOB RUIZ

Yes, you heard right. . .Stan Pulaski is alive and well in Omaha, Nebraska. In fact, the bearded Russian now calls Omaha home, where he has become such a crowd favorite that the Midwest just won't let him leave. He's been there for an on-off period of about five years now, with no end in sight. Stan has had more than his share of hard luck but at last, seems well on his way to the top of the wrestling world.

Stan Pulaski kisses the baby of one of his fans in Omaha. No, he's not running for president.

Once called the "Mad Russian," Pulaski was in a troubled state at the time and was quite frankly, a no-good S.O.B. back then. He was vicious and rude in those days, and at the height of his 'madness' he dropped out of sight for a few months. Although it was never officially confirmed, it was rumored that the wrestling commission had suspended Pulaski until he cooled down. In any event, when he returned to the Nebraska area, it was a slightly cooler Pulaski they saw. Oh, he still adhered to his now famous motto of "I don't give no quarter and I don't ask any," but a change was coming. Gradually, Stan cleaned up his riotious style of wrestling and began to grow more and more popular. As he explained later, "When I came back to Omaha, promoter Dusek told me that if I wanted to wrestle here, I would have to straighten up and cut out the biting and the kicking."

Well, Pulaski pulled himself together and revealed a new style of wrestling, the clean, scientific kind. The fans loved him for it, as it opened up a whole new world for Stan. He was no longer booed and hissed, and his outlook on life improved as the fans encouraged him on. That's all behind him now. No longer the snarling wildman of a few years ago, Stan is a contented man. He divides his time between caring for his wife and young daughter, and buckling under self-proclaimed tough guys.

In the Midwest, particularly around Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, Pulaski has blossomed into a tremendous favorite. He has broken more than one indoor attendance record. The fans love him and the feeling is mutual. Unlike many wrestlers, Stan is never too busi to chat with fans both before and after his matches. While so many of the wrestlers just breeze past the fans en route to the ring, the Russian will almost always say hello to all who stop him. To Nebraskan fans, Stan is one of them. Even after a particularly brutal match, when hurt and tired, he still graciously shook every hand offered him before going on to the dressing room.

Pulaski has held the Midwest Tag Team and Singles Championships several times, no small feat, as some of the toughest wrestlers in the world have sought those titles. As of this writing, he is one of the rare few to simultaneously hold both crowns at once. He and team partner Reggie Parks have defeated such leading teams as Lars Anderson-Larry Hennig and A.W.A. World champs, Bockwinkel-Stevens (by disqualification).

Above: Stan Pulaski and Reggie Parks sign autographs prior to a tag team match in Omaha. Below: Buddy Wolff has brought Pulaski to his knees, but the Russian is fighting back strongly.

For Pulaski, the price of success has come high. Because of the great popularity he now has, jealous wrestlers have tried everything short of gunfire to bring the Russian down. All grapplers expect a certain amount of ring injuries but Stan's ratio of damage is high, even by wrestling's standards. He has absorbed terrific punishment over the years and has the scars to prove it. He often wears full-length tights, the head-to-toe variety, to cover up a back brace. He has a chronic bad back which has been a target for certain wrestlers. You name the bone and Stan has probably had it busted. He's been left for dead in the ring on occasion, but always comes back, even to the point of wrestling with a high fever or smashed ribs, which he has had to do. He tapes his busted ribs as much as possible, puts a heavy T-shirt

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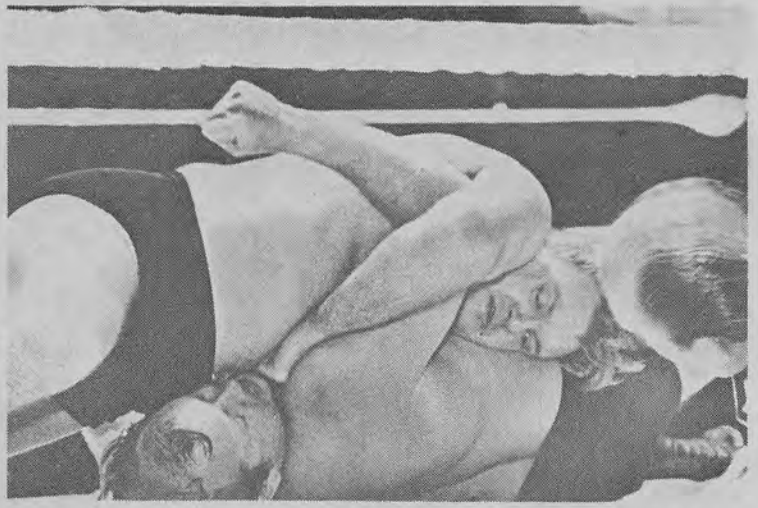
ACTION IN ST. LOUIS

By JOHN TOCCO

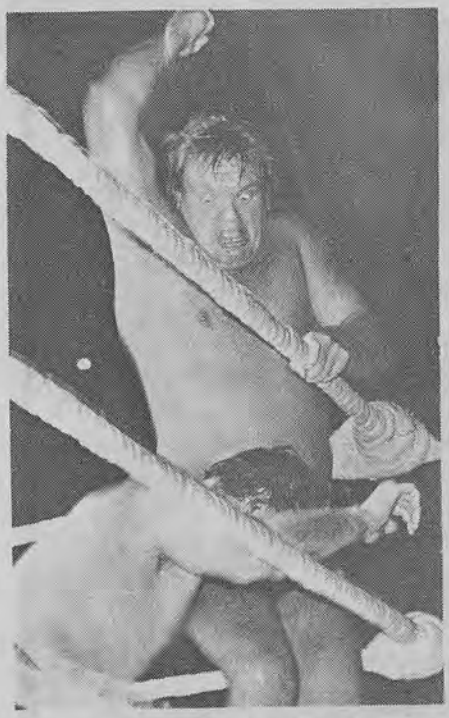
Mr. Muchnick thanked the fans of St. Louis because he said that they are the ones who have made him the great promoter that he is.

Editor Norman Kietzer, in his capacity as president of the Wrestling Writers Association of America, came to St. Louis.

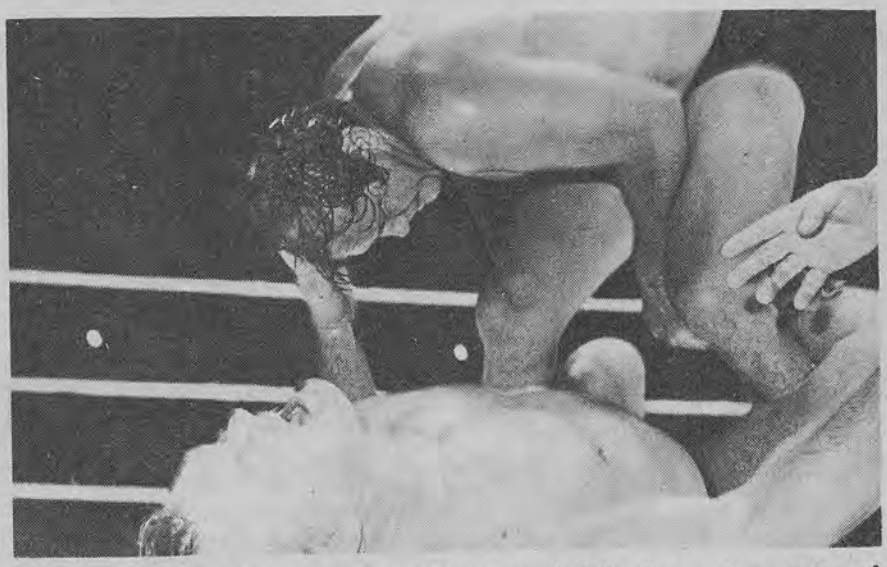
In the Kiel Auditorum ring he presented the Hall Of Fame Plaque to Sam Muchnick, the first promoter to be named to wrestling's shrine.



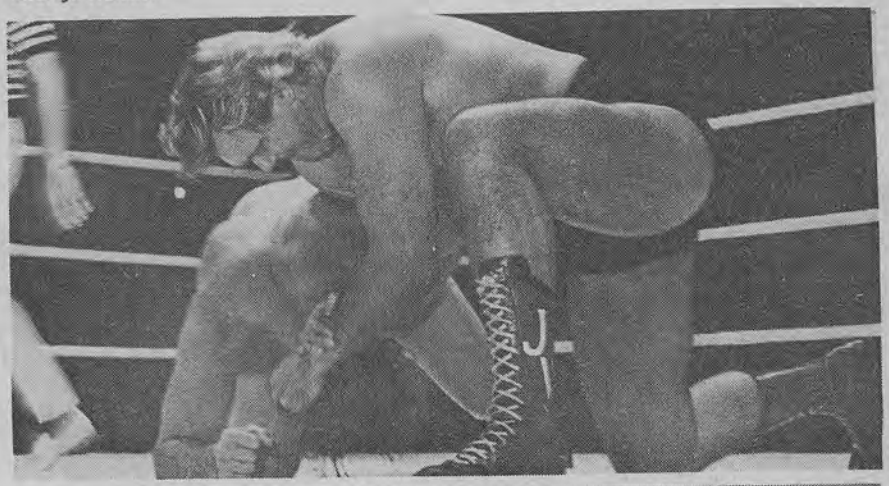
The main event for the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship saw Dory Funk Jr. tangle with Johnny Valentine.



Valentine did well early in the match with his famous elbow smash as his most potent weapon. But Funk battled back strongly to take the second fall after Johnny won the first.

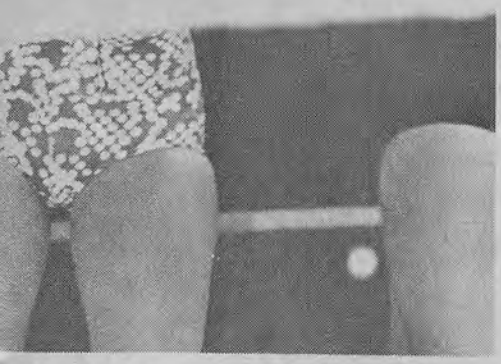


Above: Valentine finally conceded the second fall after a long series of spinning toe holds. Johnny was unable to return to action in the third fall and so the match was awarded to Funk. Below: Before the final series, Valentine really worked over the champion and for awhile it looked like the crown might change hands.



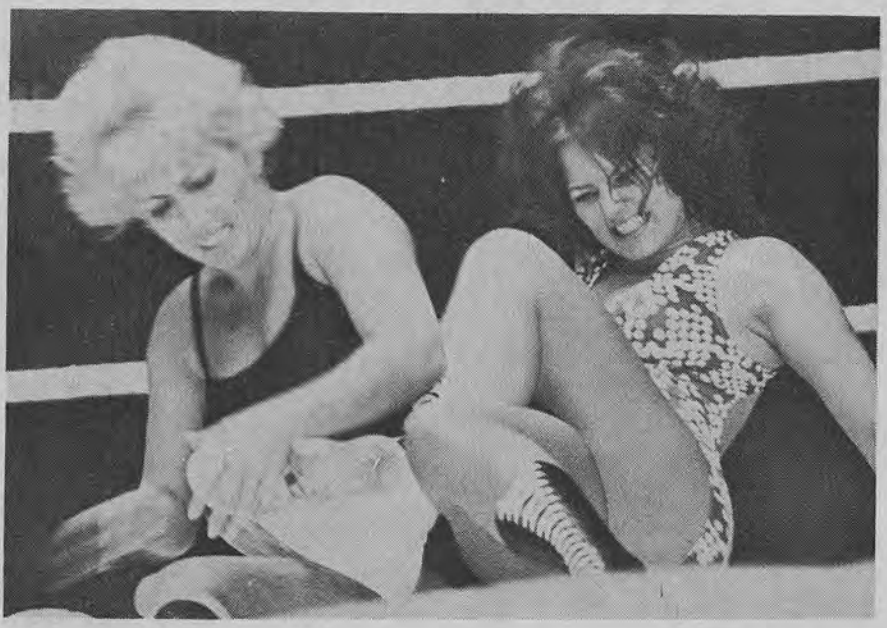
The prettiest thing in the St. Louis ring that night had to be a new wrestling star named Donna Lemke.

Here Donna looks like she's doing the twist. Actually she is moving in on Betty Niccoli.

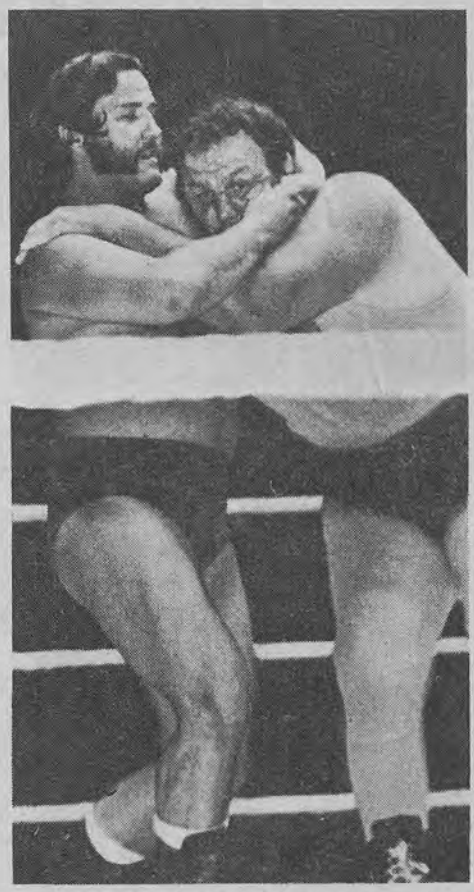


Niccoli, a crafty veteran, tried to get the referee out of position so she could move a headlock into a choke.

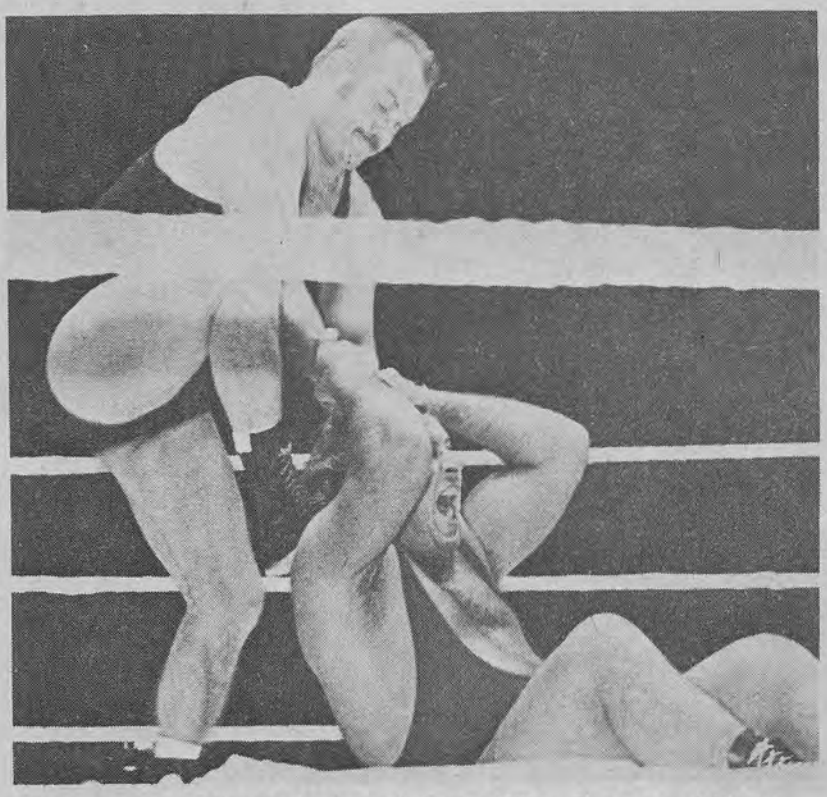
The match saw the advantage go back and forth from Lemke to Niccoli many times before Betty finally won out to take the match.



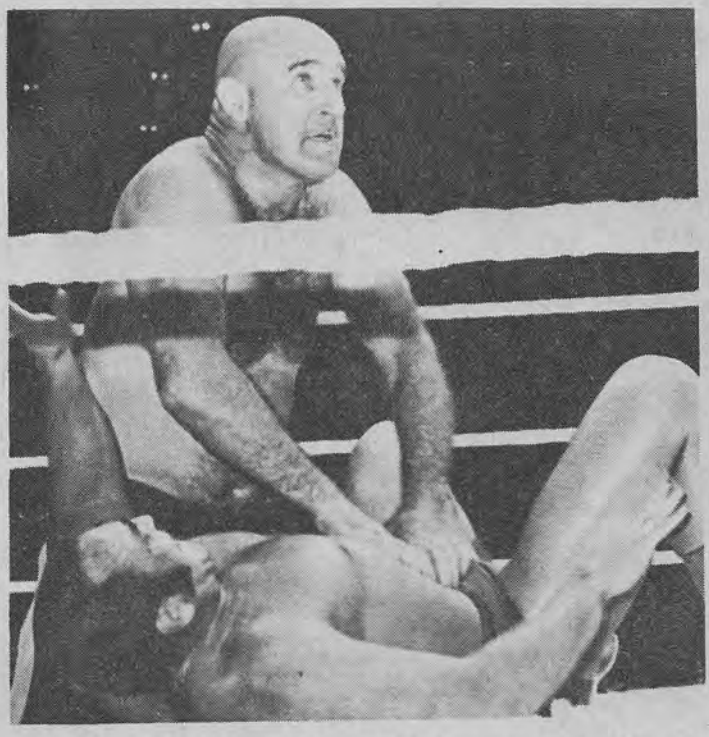
Terry Martin has both Moose Cholak and Danny Miller in trouble during this tag team action.



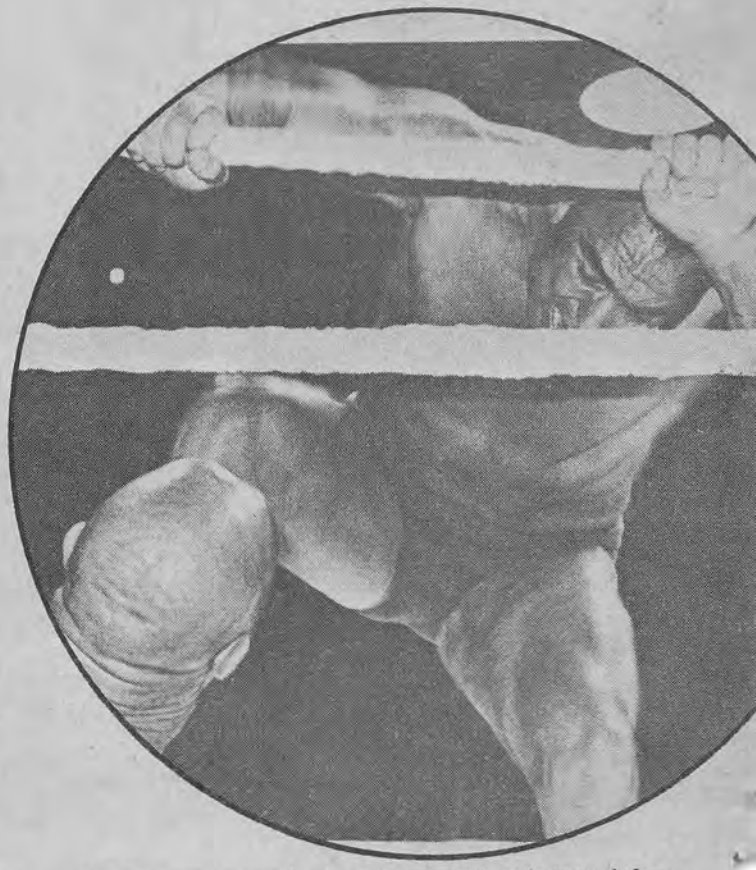
Moose Cholak is about to use his superior weight and strength to throw off Terry Martin who has clamped on a headlock.



Ronnie Etchison rips at the hair of Danny Miller. The team of Cholak and Miller eventually defeated Etchison and Martin.

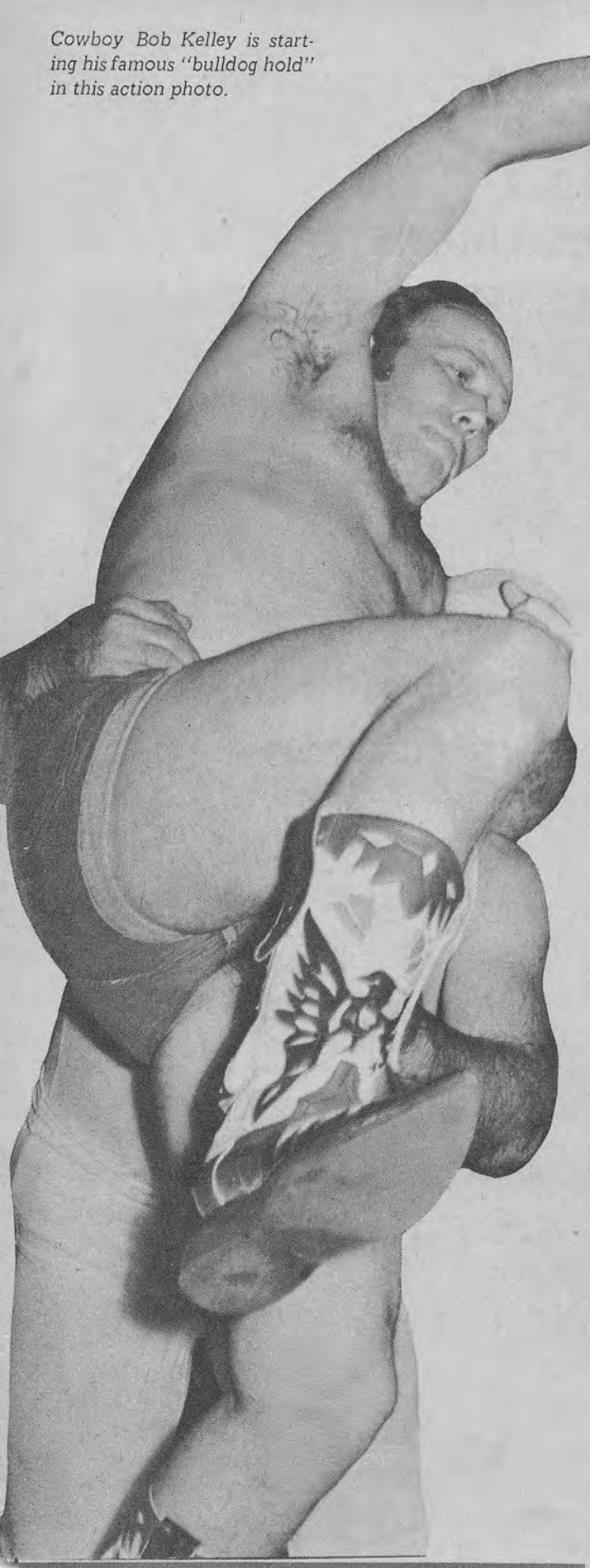


Veteran Hans Schmidt used his famous claw hold on The Stomper early in the match, but. . .



. . .The Stomper came back to stomp Schmidt into defeat and win the match.

Cowboy Bob Kelley is starting his famous "bulldog hold" in this action photo.



Bob relaxes at his ranch in full cowboy garb, including a real six shooter.

COWBOY BOB KELLEY

"A PHENOMENAL WRESTLING FIGURE OF THE DEEP SOUTH"

By JOHN BROOKS RANDOLPH

A phenomenal wrestling figure is making his name a "household word" in the Gulf Coast area of the United States. He is Cowboy Bob Kelley, a tremendous crowd favorite and a wrestler who bears the scars and bruises of a true champion. Kelley is known for his devil-may-care, I-want-to-win attitude. He owns the Gulf Coast and Brass Knuckles wrestling Championships and is one of the most feared wrestlers ever to come from South of the Mason-Dixon line.

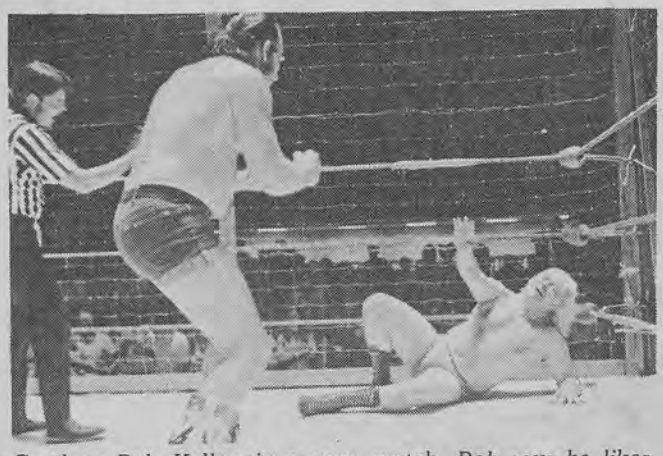
Born in Louisville, Kentucky, he developed his sinewy arms and strong legs on the farm where he grew up. He has the physique of a true champion and his conditioning exercises would make an animal weep. He describes his powerful arms as a result of "milkin' a lot of cows."

Kelley's torrid matches on the Gulf Coast have made him famous and his recent suspension by the National Wrestling Alliance have proved that point. He decked an official of the NWA in the ring at Mobile, Alabama, and had to answer for it. The official, by the way, came into the ring unannounced and attempted to halt the match in progress. Of course, Kelley, not knowing who it was or why, and suspecting that it was one of his opponents, slugged the intruder. Regardless of the explanation, Kelley was ordered to appear before the NWA governing board.

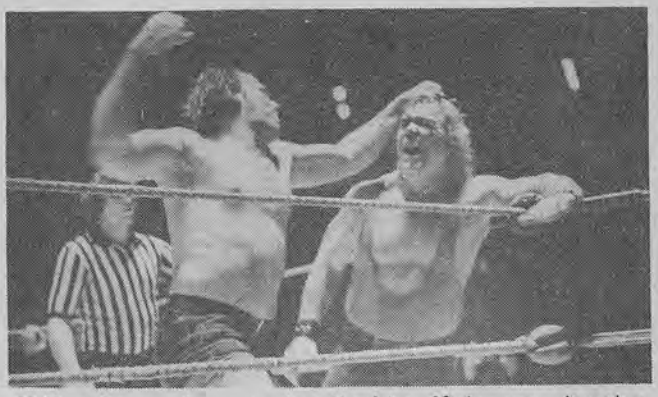
Loyal fans wanted to help Kelley so petitions were started and by the time Kelley left for the meeting he had over 80,000 signatures to take with him. (At least another 10,000 came in after he had been reinstated). On the strength of these petititions and his explanation of the facts, he was cleared of all charges. To prove how loyal the fans can be, about a hundred fans appeared and at the meeting, even though they knew it was a closed meeting and would not be able to get in. But they just wanted to be on hand to get the news first and to be handy in case they were needed.

Kelley takes on all comers, the more the merrier, but don't let those scars and bruises fool you. He gives a lot more than he takes. Kelley's supreme ambition is to become the World's Champion and he's well on his way of doing just that.

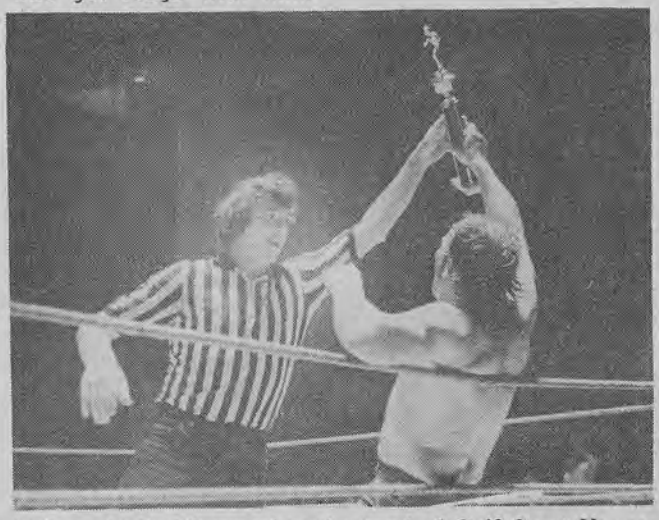
A wrestler who personifies all the artistry of wrestling is the Gulf Coast Champion, Cowboy Bob Kelley.



Cowboy Bob Kelley in a cage match. Bob says he likes cage matches because they prevent his opponent from leaving the ring.



Kelley knows how to handle himself in any situation. Here he delivers a fist to the head of an opponent who got rough with him.



Referee Rick Gibson raises the hand of Gulf Coast Heavyweight Champion Bob Kelley in victory. Bob holds up the championship trophy.

FANS' CANDID CORNER

The increase in the number of photos being submitted for Candid Corner has really kept us hopping. We have received more entries for this contest than any other ever run by us. Keep them coming and remember: not only are there monthly winners, but each photo that is chosen as "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" becomes eligible for the "PHOTO OF THE YEAR" Award, a prize worth $25.00 dollars.

So keep them coming. The "Photo of The Month" receives a prize of $5.00 and each other photo that we use receives a prize of $2.00.

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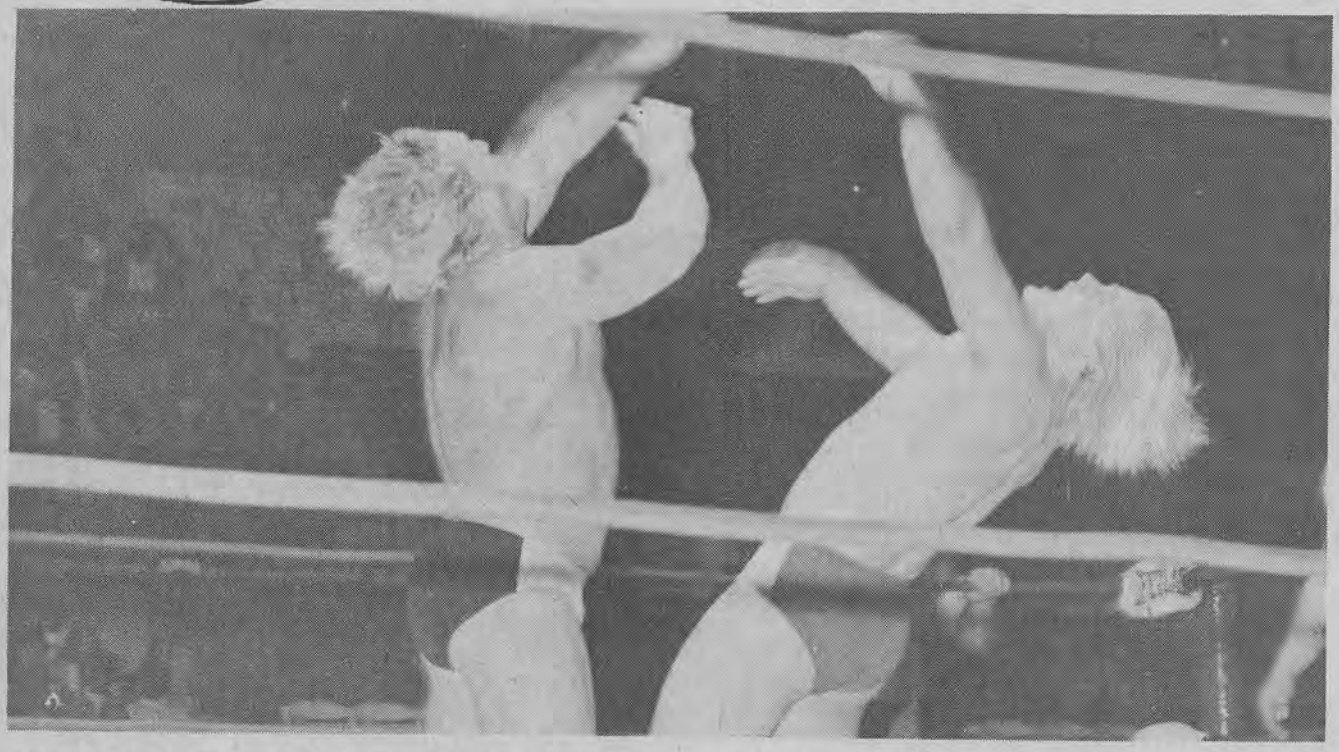
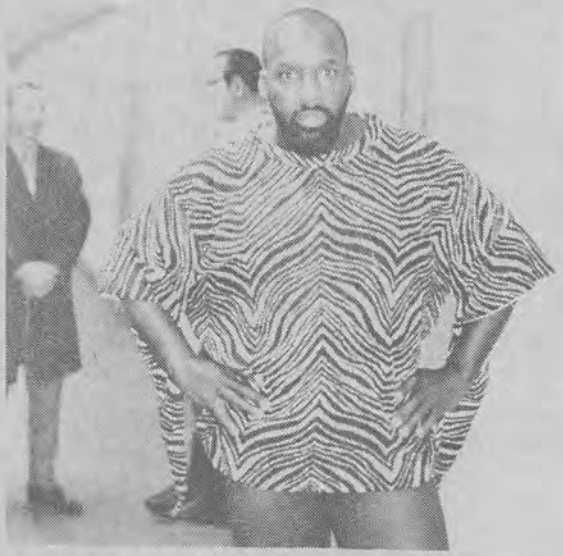


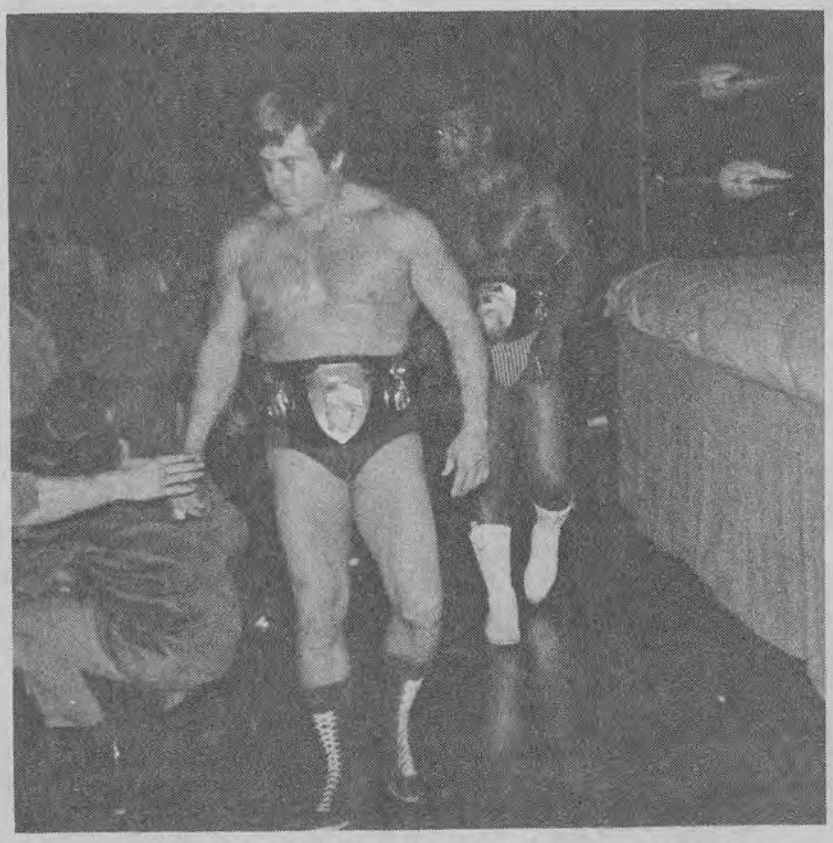
Bob Palmer of Cleveland, Ohio, wins the top prize this month with this photo that shows the Fabulous Fargo Brothers colliding during a recent match.

The Scuffling Hillbillies, complete with their Tri-State Tag Team Championship belts, were the subjects of this winner by Pat Woodruff of Montgomery, Alabama.

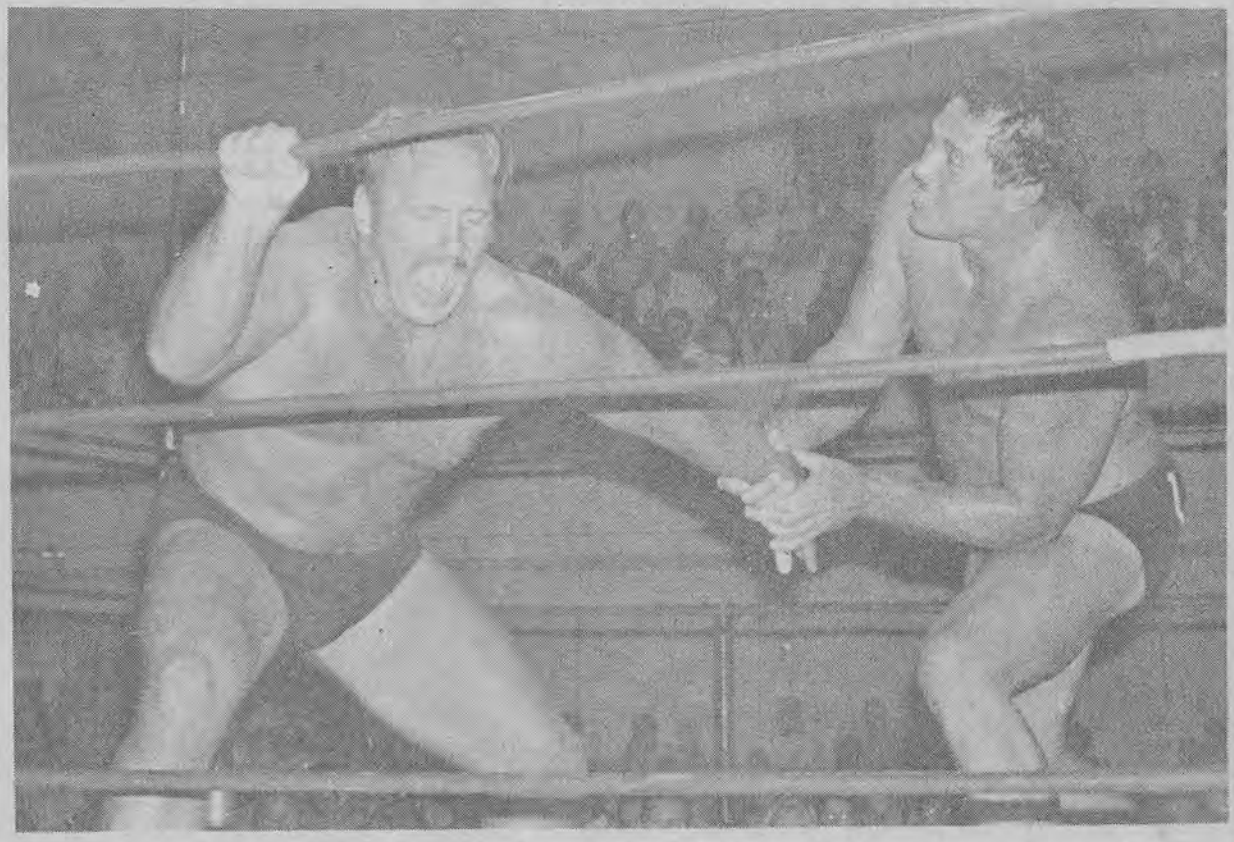


Sam Bennett of Marion, Massachusetts, scored with this photo of Sonny "Showboat" King taken outside the dressing room.

El Scicodelico was the subject of this prize-winning photo by Chris Ondell of Torrance, California.



Frank Cather took this photo of Pepper Gomez and Rocky Johnson on their way to the ring. Frank is from San Jose, California, where Gomez and Johnson are recognized as tag team champions.



Pain is seen reflected in the face of Don Arnold as Cowboy Bob Ellis applies the pressure with an arm bar twist in this photo taken in Phoenix, Arizona, by Steve Krell of Iowa City, Iowa.

WHERE IS HE TODAY?

By GENTLEMAN SAUL WEINGEROFF

TED BERESFORD

Former British Empire Wrestling Champion

Ted Beresford, former British Empire Wrestling Champion, now 62 years of age, remains a veritable model of physical fitness. He still trains with weights in the specially built gym at his home at Birkby, Huddersfield, England.

Beresford is one of England's top wrestling promoters, a partner in Joint Promotions.

Ted just returned to England after a visit to the United States, Mexico, and Canada, during which he signed top North American wrestlers for appearances in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beresford with some of the trophies he won during his wrestling career.

Ted, who is one of England's top promoters, discusses a point with The Destroyers.

Beresford is shown here prior to the first tag team match ever seen on British television.

Promoter Ted Beresford with top disc jockey Jimmy Saville presenting the welterweight championship belt to Bert Royal back on November 30th, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beresford and Mr. and Mrs. G. De Relwyskew. The men are two of the top promoters in England.

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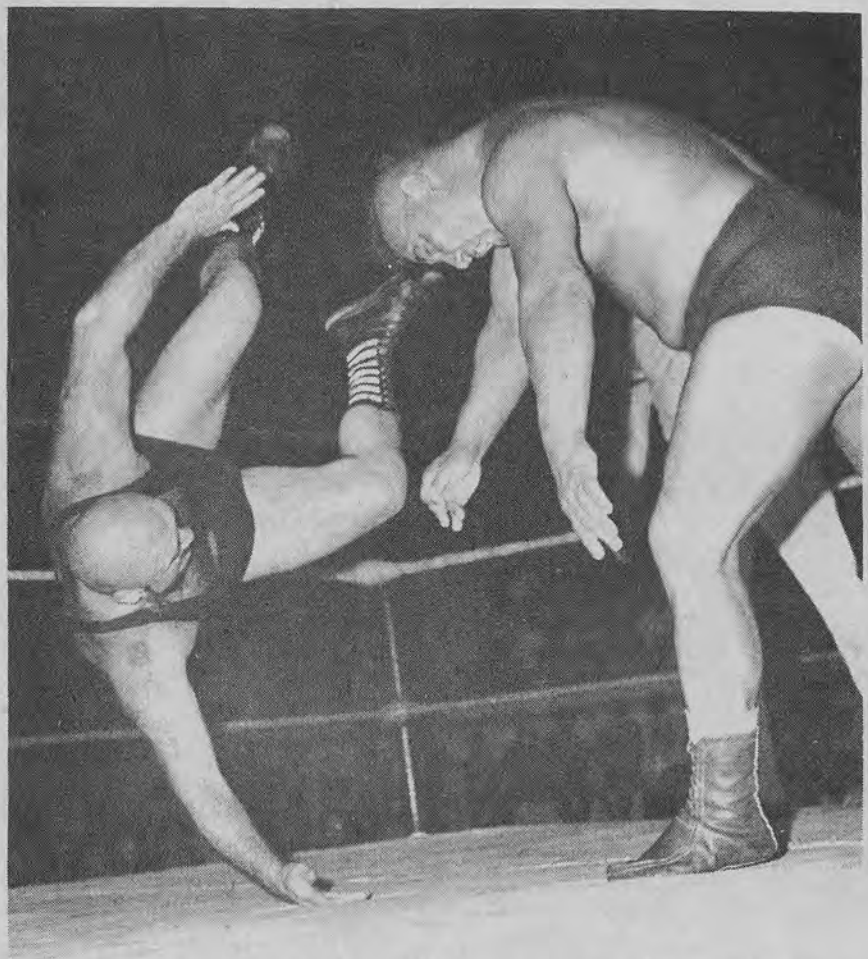
TWO LITTLE INDIANS WHO CAME HOME AND CONQUERED QUEBEC

By PAUL HUGRON

BILLY TWO RIVERS AND JOHNNY WAR EAGLE RISE TO THE TOP IN THEIR NATIVE LAND!



Billy Two Rivers throws Mad Dog Vachon across the ring in this battle in Quebec.

The Canadian province of Quebec has always been top wrestling country. One of the top grapplers of years past to come from that area was the late Don Eagle. Now two Indian stars from Quebec have made their mark in the wrestling world and returned home. They are without a doubt the most popular and most successful Indian tag team in the world today – in fact that statement is probably close to being true even if you drop the word Indian from it.

Billy Two Rivers is the veteran Indian. He has been wrestling for over a decade and many stories have been written about him. He is well known throughout the United States, but he spent most of the past few years in England where he is a legend.

Johnny War Eagle spent most of his early wrestling career in the A.W.A. area and also in the southern territory of LeRoy McGuirk. He developed into a top star and was considered the leading contender for the World's Junior Heavyweight Championship held by Danny Hodge at one time.

They both spent little time wrestling in Montreal until a year ago when Lucien Gregoire brought back major league wrestling to Quebec and western Canada under the banner of Grand Prix wrestling. With wrestling back as a major sport in Quebec, the two Indian stars returned home and they have been there ever since.

Their major goal is to capture the

Gilles Poisson has War Eagle in trouble as a result of a well delivered elbow smash.

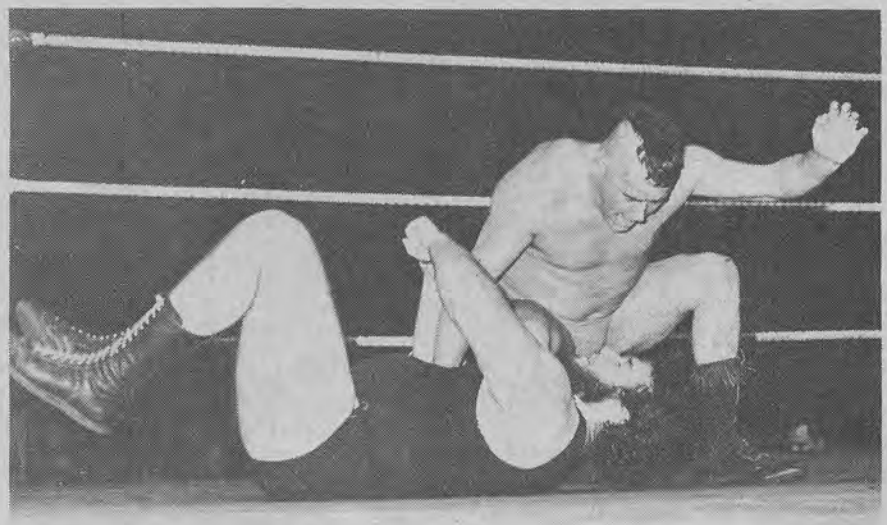
Grand Prix Tag Team Championship which is currently held by Buddy Roberts and Jerry Brown. In fact, the feud betweem War Eagle and these two started back in McGuirk's territory. Anyway, with so many other top teams, like Gilles Poisson and Zarinoff Leboeuf, Mad Dog Vachon and Rapapapotsky, Jos and Paul Leduc, Mitsu Arakawa and Maitte Inoue, and Black Jack Mulligan and Baron von Raschke, in contention for title honors – so far War Eagle and Two Rivers have not brought home the bacon.

But they have come close on several occasions and many feel that they will eventually defeat the Blonds – Roberts and Brown – and win the title.

These two stars are among the very best in the Montreal area today and they will unquestionably gain more honors in the future. English promoters are calling for Billy Two Rivers to return there, and promotersfrom all over the United States want to get both stars to appear on their cards, but for the moment these two stars want to prove to their fans throughout western Canada that they are truely deserving of the major league reputations that they acquired in other parts of the world. Now that Grand Prix wrestling is bringing in the very greatest names from everywhere and Quebec again has major league professional wrestling.

Referee Bob Cleroux asks Dale Roberts if he is ready to give up as War Eagle increases the pressure.

War Eagle and Two Rivers have just taken care of Jos Dusek for good with a double tomahawk chop.

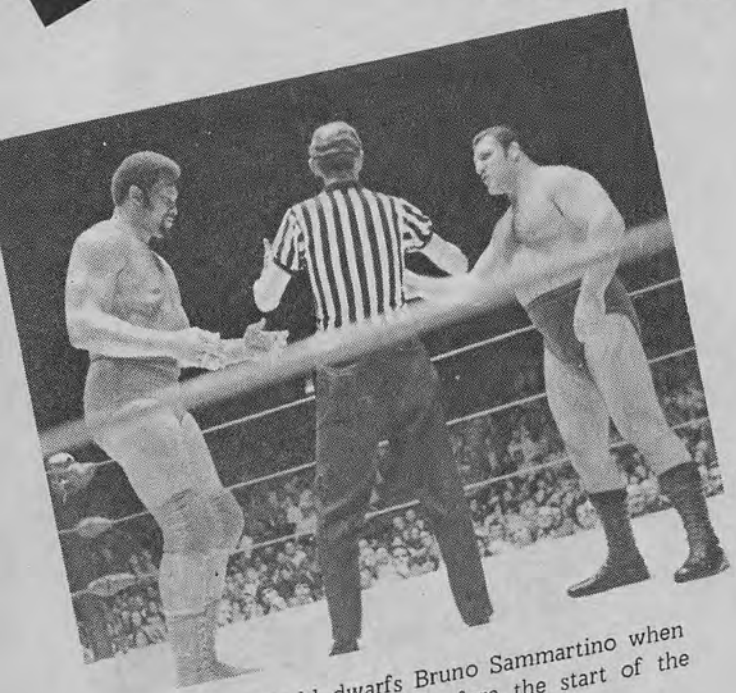


A knee across the throat by Johnny renders Gilles Poisson almost helpless. There is a bitter rivalry between these two top stars in Quebec.

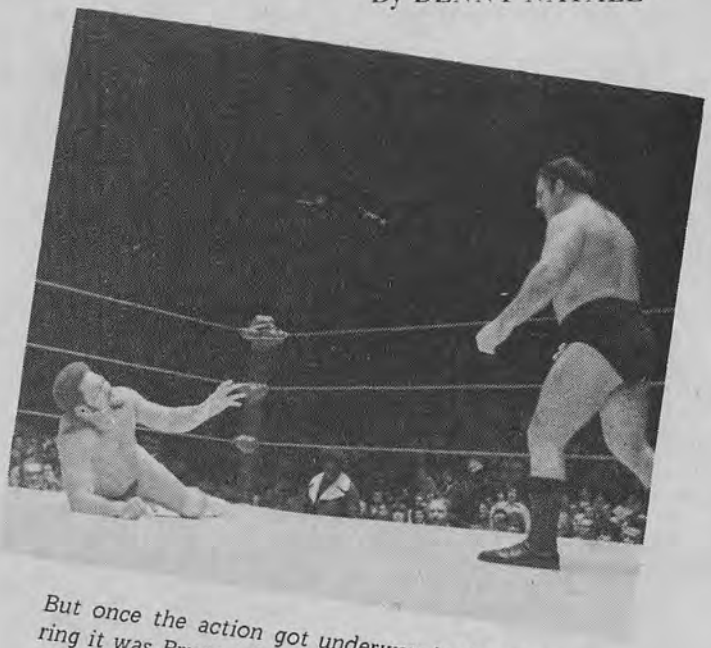
Action In Pittsburgh

BRUNO SAMMARTINO MEETS ERNIE LADD

By DENNY NATALE

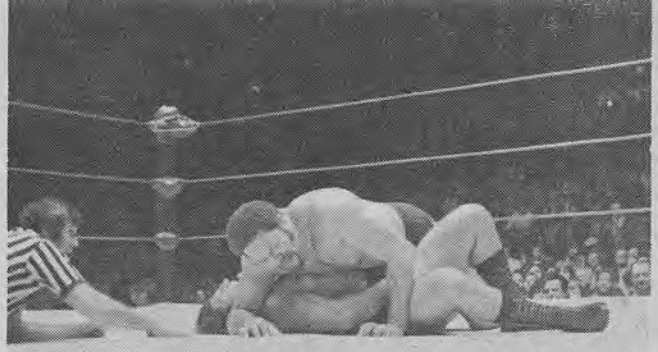


Ernie "Cat" Ladd dwarfs Bruno Sammartino when they approach each other before the start of the match.

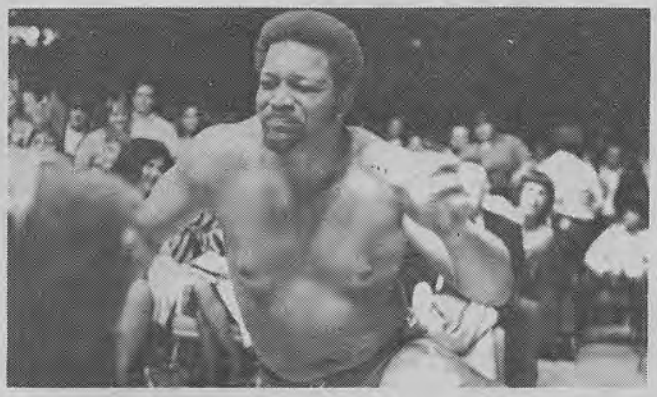


But once the action got underway in the Pittsburgh ring it was Bruno who towered over Ladd.

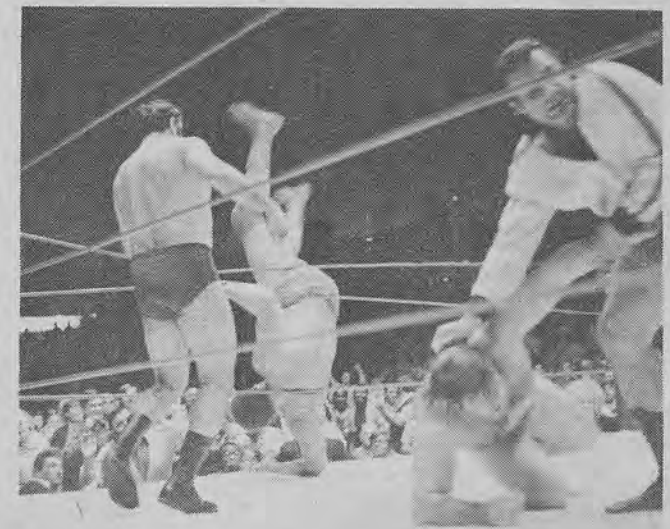
Left: With a stomp to the head Bruno rearranges Ladd's facial features. Right: Ernie also made an impression on Sammartino when he dropped his 290 pounds on Bruno.

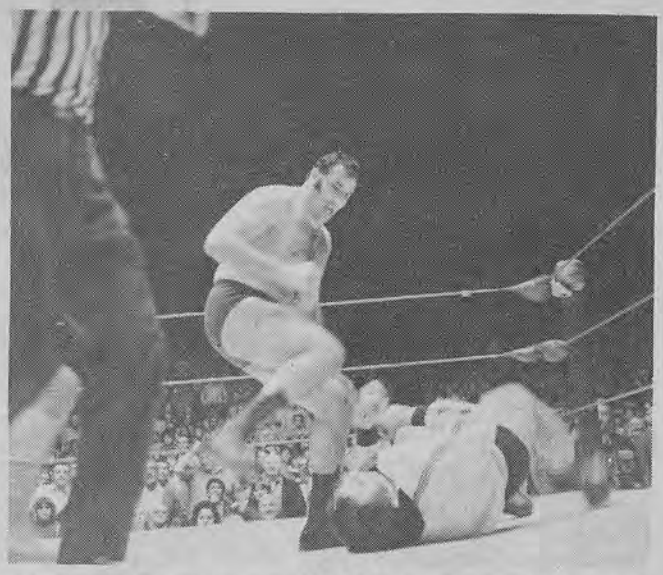


Above: Ernie pressed Bruno's shoulders for the two count, but he was thrown off at the last second and (below) a few seconds later ended up on the floor outside the ring.

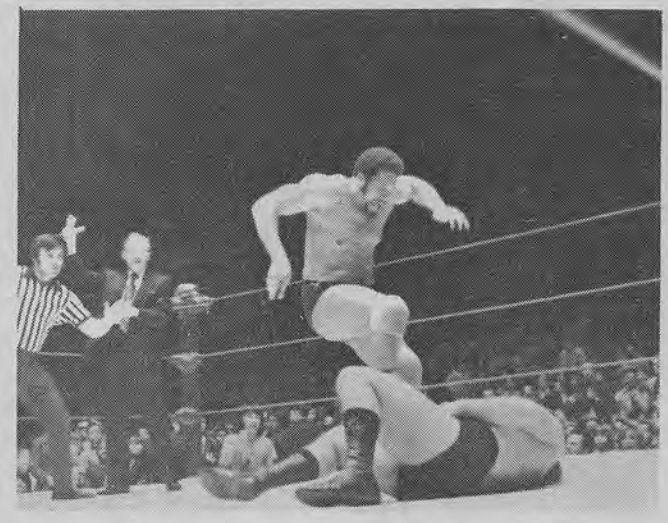


Above: The bearhug has Ladd in trouble. . .Below:. . .until Angelo Mosca meddled in the match, causing Dom DeNucci to rally to Bruno's assistance.





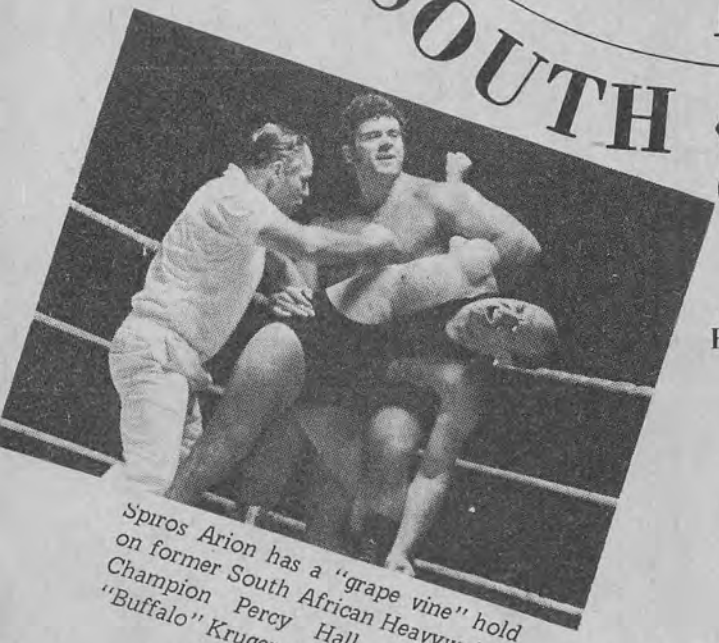
Above: DeNucci stomps on Mosca. Below: After joining with Mosca in subduing DeNucci, Ernie continues to give Sammartino the boot.



Ladd the winner? Not quite. Ernie was disqualified for the outside interference of Angelo Mosca.

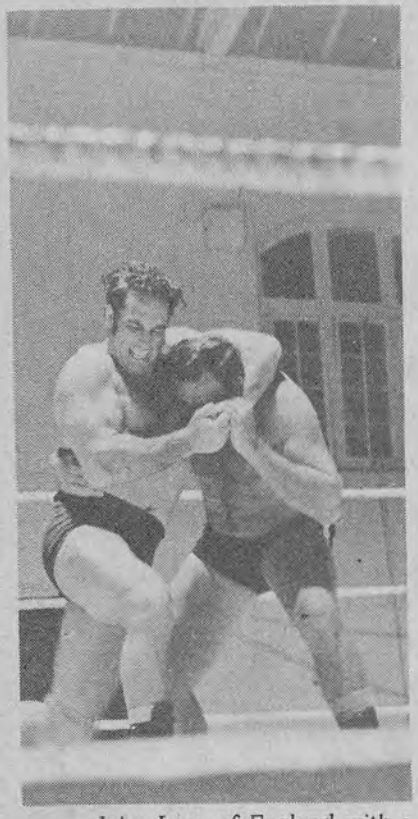
THE WRESTLING SCENE IN SOUTH AFRICA

By JOPIE FOURIE



Spiros Arion has a "grape vine" hold on former South African Heavyweight Champion Percy Hall as Referee "Buffalo" Kruger watches closely.

Spiros Arion with a "neck twist" on Frikkie Alberts. Partner Jan Wilkens looks on from the apron.



John Lees of England with a headlock on current South African Heavyweight Champion Jan Wilkens.

Sammy Cohen and the Masked Apollo, two big stars here, train at a local gym.

Mario Milano will be making his second visit to South Africa in due course. Milano was a great hit on his previous visit, and his forthcoming stay here is expected to be just as successful.

At present, the wrestler visiting this country is Hans Roocks of Germany. Wrestling Revue published a photo of Roocks in the April/72 issue in page 19. He is kneeling on the left in the group photo, with his arm around Detroyer's daughter.

Included on this page are three photos of bouts here in Durban, and one photo of the masked South African wrestler, "Apollo" in training with another South African wrestler, Sammy Cohen.

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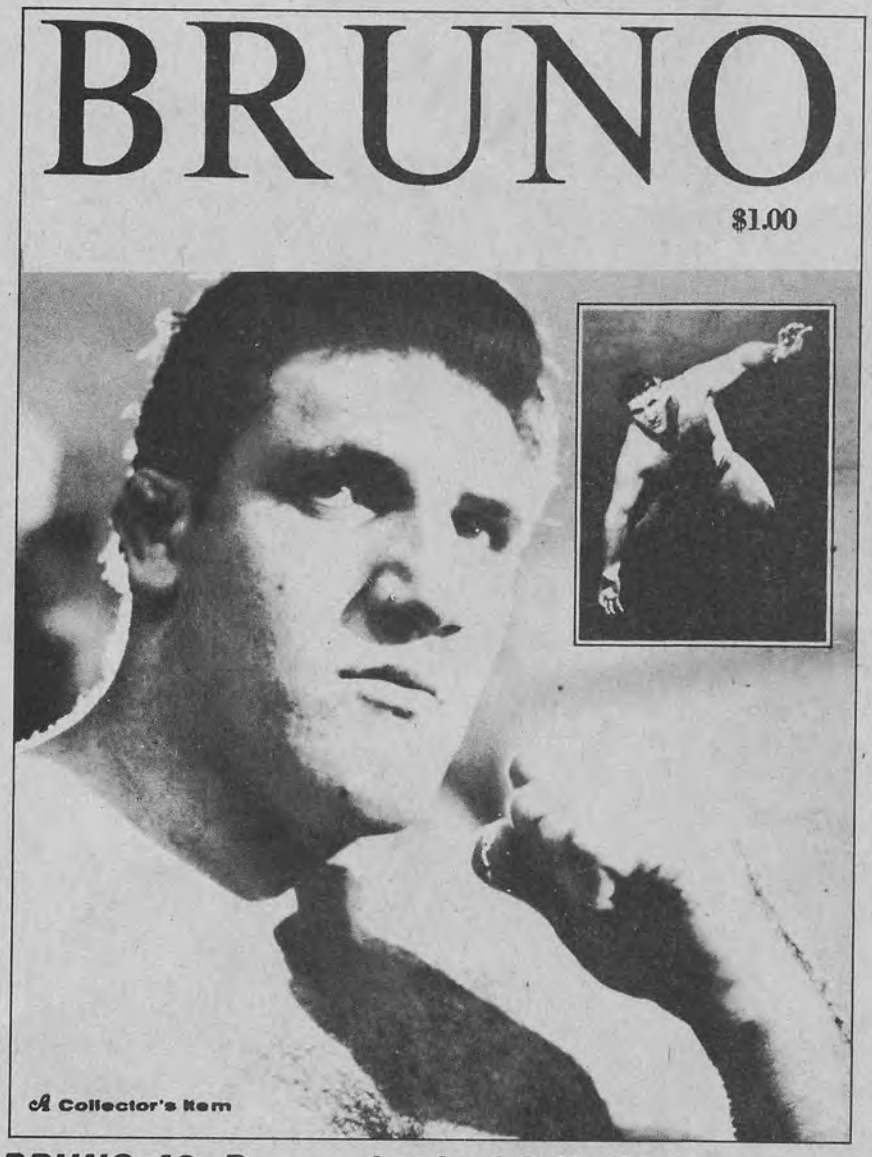

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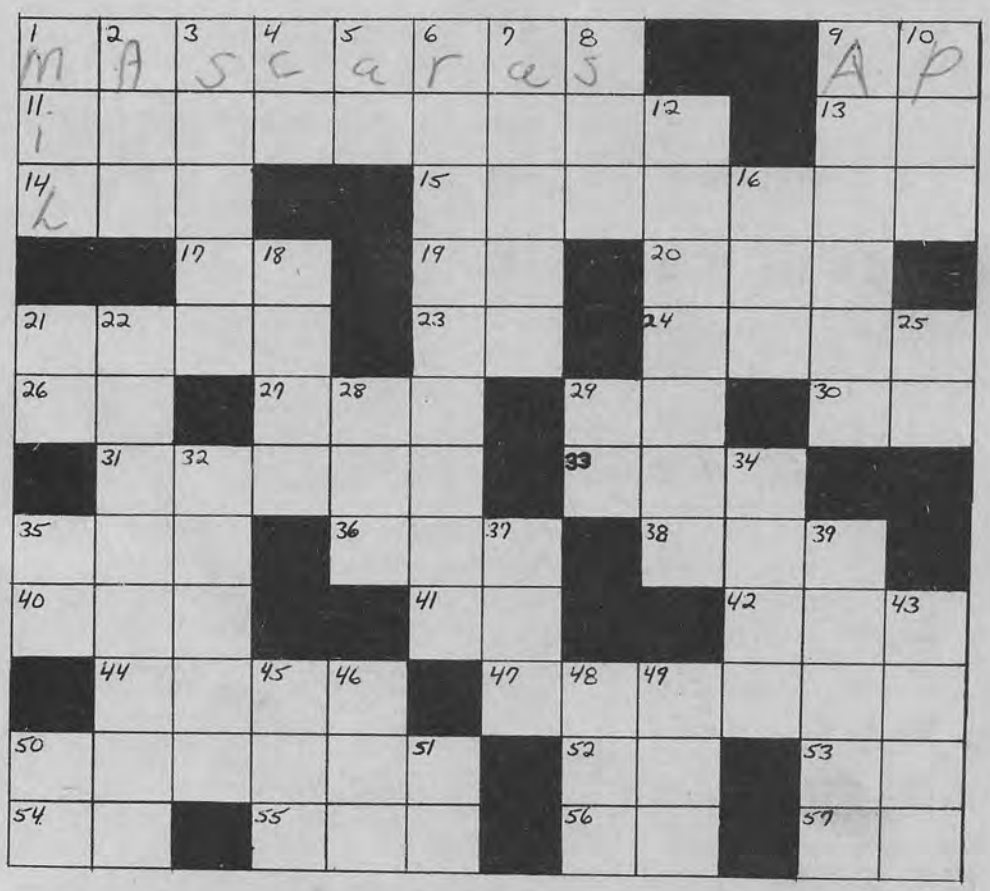

By JOE MORGAN

ACROSS

1. Very skillful masked wrestler.
9. Initials of wrestler Antonio Pugliese
11. A very tough grappler (2 wds.)
13. Initials of Ray Appollon, wrestler from Belgium.
14. ..... Rossi, skillful grappler
15. "Irish" Pat ....., mat star
17. Initials of wrestler Nick Bockwinkel
19. Initials of Earl Maynard, skillful grappler
20. Giant ..... Baba, tough grappler.
21. Paula ....., lady wrestler from Oklahoma.
23. Initials of 38 across
24. Villian wrestler Ivan Koloff is from this country (Abbreviation)
26. Initials of wrestler Steve Logan.
27. ..... Nelson, villian grappler in the South.
29. Initials of wrestler Mattie Suzuki, from Jaoan.
30. Initials of 35 across
31. Los ....., rough grappler.
33. There is usually one in every wrestling match.
35. ..... Kamata, tough wrestler.
36. ..... -title match, a wrestling match when the championship is not at stake.
38. ..... Stevens, top notch wrestler.
40. ..... Thomas, wrestling strongman.
41. Section of the United States where wrestling matches are held (Abbreviation)
42. ..... -lock, wrestling hold.
44. Bob ....., skillful grappler
47. "Argentina" ....., sensational wrestler.
50. Larry ....., villian grappler
52. Initials of Antonio Rocca, skillful wrestler.
53. Initials of 14 across
54. Initials of wrestler Sandy Scott.
55. Wrestler Johnny Weaver came from this state (Abbreviation)
56. Initials of Ted Evans, wrestler
57. Initials of Sheik Youseff, Lebanese wrestler.

DOWN

1. First name of 1 across
2. It usually affects all wrestlers.
3. ..... Myers, veteran grappler
4. Initials of wrestler Chuck Richards
5. Initials of lady wrestler from Europe, Annie Vignals
6. Dewey ....., skillful wrestler from Canada.
7. Jerry ....., tough grappler.
8. ..... Clements, wrestler.
9. Some fans call 7 across this
10. ..... Patterson, villian wrestler.
12. Karol ....., wrestling immortal.
16. Wrestlers, Mongol and Medico.
18. ..... -hug, wrestling hold.
21. Initials of wrestler Kurt Von Stroheim.
22. A very skillful mat star in the South (2 wds.)
25. Initials of wrestler Roger Kirby.
28. ..... Etchison, skillfuk wrestler.
29. ..... Wrestling, skillful masked wrestler.
32. Bob ....., tough villian grappler.
34. One- ....., with a 15 minute time limit; type of wrestling match.
35. Initials of wrestler Tom Andrews.
37. National Wrestling Alliance (Abbreviation)
39. What a wrestling fan usually does during a match.
43. ..... Guerrero, former great wrestler.
45. ..... Wiki Wiki, wrestler from Hawaii.
46. A wrestler has to ..... his opponents to win a match.
48. ..... O'Connor, skillful mat star.
49. A state where wrestling matches may be seen (Abbreviation)
50. Initials of Haru Sasaki, villian grappler.
51. Initials of George Drake, grappler.

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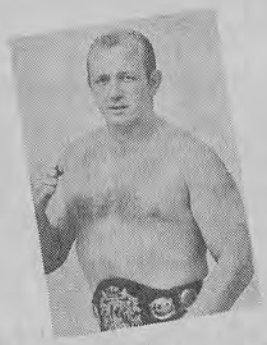

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THE GEORGE BECKER STORY
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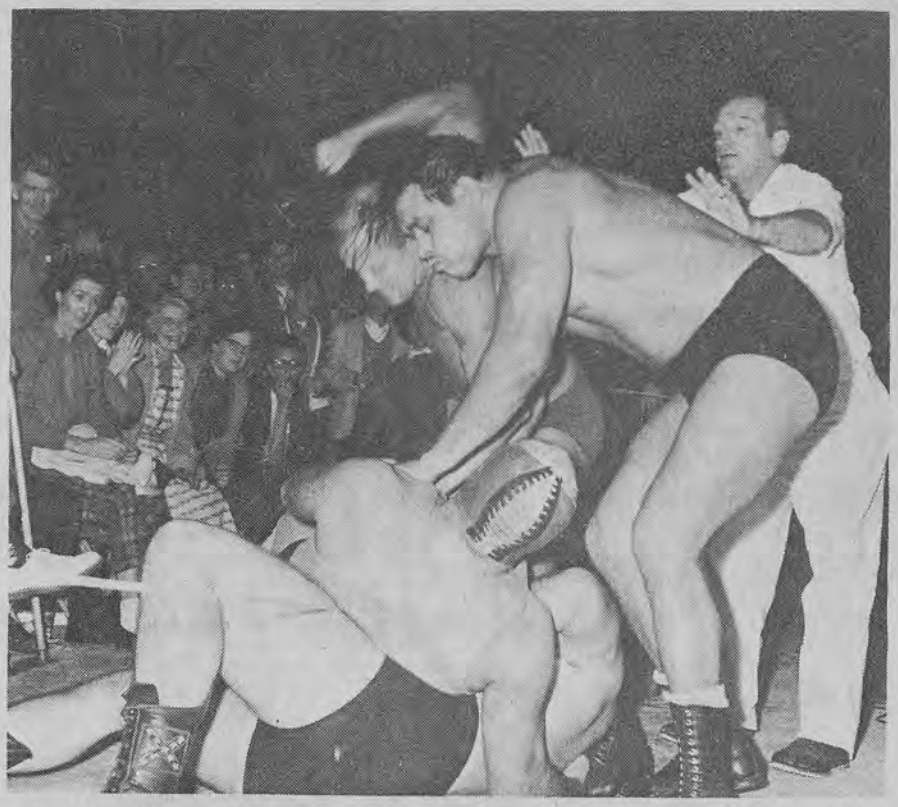
press agent.

Becker's parents are still alive and living in Brooklyn. He has tries to bring them to Charlotte to live, but they prefer to remain there. They did visit him quite frequently, however. At this writing, George Becker has semi-retired from wrestling. He and Johnny Weaver were the best tag team after Bobby's death and they held several regional titles. They held the Southern States tag team championship several different times, and also held the Atlantic Coast tag team title belts.

Currently, George has cut down on his active wrestling and is mainly interested in helping develop new talent. Outside of wrestling his main interests are fishing, handball, swimming and watching a good mystery TV program.

George is very devoted to his wife and his two-year-old son Craig Allen, a very brilliant lettle fellow for his age. George met Joyce Grable, a charming young girl wrestler, when she appeared on some of the same cards he was working. Her real name was Joyce Fowler, and she came from Ozark, Alabama. Later she changed her ring name to Barbara Nichols, and currently she's active under that name. "I liked what I saw," said George, "and when I married Joyce I considered it my greatest accomplishment."



The year is 1958. It's George Becker and Enrique Torres in action against The Great Bolo and Larry Hamilton at Charlottte.

Mrs. George Becker is still an active wrestler. Here Joyce Grable Becker is shown with Darling Dagmar before a tag team mixed match.

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BRUISER BOB SWEETAN
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Bruiser Bob Sweetan. A match between Sweetan and Watts will be hard fought and knowing Sweetan he will probably come up with some dirty trick to try and win the title.

Bob Sweetan earned his title, "The Bloody Canadian Bruiser" the hard way and now he wants to teach Cowboy Bill Watts a lesson by winning the North American Heavyweight Championship.

He wants to go on from there to win the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship from Dory Funk Jr. The Canadian thinks that there is no limit to how far he can go in professional wrestling.

Sweetan and Chuck Karbo were a very successful tag team until recently. Bob is now wrestling mostly in singles matches since capturing the Brass Knucks title from The Stomper.

When he first wrestled in the United States several years ago, he partnered Killer Cox and used the name K.O. Cox. However, the team soon broke up and Bob decided to use his own name from now on.

He has been a constant thorn in the side of LeRoy McGuirk for the past year, wrestling much of the time on McGuirk's promotions in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas.

And, he branches out to other areas quite often as well. The Bloody Canadian Bruiser, which is what Bob Sweetan has been nicknamed, is one of the most brutal grapplers in the mat game today. He may never become the World's Heavyweight Champion, but his opponents are going to lose a lot of blood before anyone convinces Bob Sweetan of that, and Sweetan will probably lose more of his own as well.

FAN CLUB CHATTER

By DON WILSON

Nancy Williams, secretary of the Nick Kozak Fan Club, poses with her honorary.

Welcome to another issue of Fan Club Chatter, and with a full mail bag, we better get with it.

Received an unusual honorary membership in the JOHNNY VALENTINE FAN CLUB. It is unusual, as Joe Anthony, president, does not charge any dues, and for a self-addressed, stamped envelope, you will receive a membership card, but no bulletins, photos, just a card to back one of the nation's top mat stars. Write to Joe at KMAC Radio, 509 Howard St., San Antonio, Texas. Thanks, Joe, for the card.

One of the finest publications to cross my desk is the WRESTLING INFORMATION BULLETIN, Ron Dobratz, Editor, P.O. Box 1807, Rockford, Ill, 61110. Crammed full of mat info in the well-done 32 pages, and well worth the 60 cents or five big issues for $3.00. Try it, you'll like it.

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Gosh, the current issue of "Lean Mean Machine" published by the NICK BOCKWINKEL FAN CLUB, Mick Karach, President, 5621 Minnetonka Blvd., No. 210, St. Louis Park, Minn. 55416, was fantastic, one of the best done for an honorary. I would like to recommend to all fans of Mr. Bockwinkel, to send $2.50 for a year's membership, or try a sample copy for 50 cents. Thanks, Mick, for sending the 15 page issue, just received, really like it.

Mark Silver, 40 Lynn Haven Road, Toronto 392, Ontario, Canada, advised he has dropped his club called THE WRESTLING SCENE. He is, however, offering grab bags at 75 cents and $1.25.

Sheri Crowder, 500 Alger Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40214, advised she has dropped her club for KEVIN SULLIVAN, as he left the area. I can't stress too strongly, to operate a good fan club, it is necessary to establish correspondents in various areas around the country, so if your honorary leaves the area, you will have someone to see and write about the matches he or she appears in.

Since my last column, I ahd the pleasure of visiting Louisville, Kentucky, and meeting some of the top wrestlers appearing there, plus many fans and fan club presidents.

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Duane Ratchford, Rt. 5, Box 85, Marshall, Ark., 72650, would like to hear from fans around the U.S. and Canada.

Received current bi-monthly nine page bulletin from Steve Midburst, prexie of the NORTHWEST WRESTLING REPORT, 121 Bauer Lane, Eugene, Oregon, 97402. Write to Steve for complete details.

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Thanks to Steven Silverstein, president of the EAST COAST WRESTLING RESULTS FAN CLUB, for sending his current 15 page monthly bulletin. Well done and interesting, annual dues are $2.75 or 35 cents for a sample copy. The club address is 4006 Demont Road, Seaford, N.Y. 11783.

Neal Berger and Alan Casso sent their recent eight-page issue of BOSTON RING NEWS, and as usual quite informative. Send $2.00 for six issues or 40 cents for sample copy to Alan at 12 Lake Ave., Sharon, Mass. 02067.

Tricky Nicky Bockwinkel and his fan club prexie, Mick Karch.

TORONTO WRESTLING RESULTS FAN CLUB, headed by Dave Beetham, 65 Natal Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, was interesting, and the bi-monthly bulletins are 40 cents an issue or $1.75 a year. Their second issue was 12 pages, and thanks, Dave, for the honorary membership.

Tony Alexander editor of the Wonderful World of Wrestling, published by the NORTH AMERICAN WRESTLING FAN CLUB, sent their current 3 page newsletter, cost is 35 cents, send to Tony at 227 Jefferson Road, Hoffman Estates, Ill, 60172.

Another highly rated club is the TAMPA SCENE FAN CLUB, Scott Teal, president, 3208 23rd Ave., West, Bradenton, Florida 33505, and thanks for sending your recent 9-page bulletin, I certainly enjoyed it. Sample copy of the monthly bulletin is 35 cents and stamp, annual dues are $4.00.

Timmy Owen, New Castle, Kentucky 40050, would like to hear from fans of JACKIE FARGO, JERRY JARRETT, TOJO YAMAMOTO, LEN ROSSI, BEN JUSTICE, THE STOMPER & BOBO

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Ed Rothstein, 189 Rosemont Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14617, would like pen pals and to trade cassettes around the world.

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Thanks to Linda Scott, prexie of the JERRY JARRETT FAN CLUB, for sending the recent 6-page club publication. Write to Linda at Star Route, Riverview Drive, Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165, for complete details.

Pat Reagan, 22 Coppertree Lane, Babylon, N.Y. 11702, is selling magazines, clippings and results, send s.a.e. for list.

Don Alvarez, P.O. Box 1024, Los Altos, Calif. 94022, president of the ALL STAR WRESTLING NEWS, advises their special issue will be 40-50 pages, 5 X 7 photo for $1.25 plus 25 cents postage.

Louis Lopez, 2820 Vaquero Ave., Los Angeles, California 90036, is publishing a newsletter entitled "Outside The Ring." For complete information contact Louis, and thanks for the sample copy, I enjoyed it.

Thanks to Ken Bruce, prexie of the TEXAS WRESTLING RESULTS FAN CLUB, 1045 Doddridge, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411, for sending his current 8-page monthly bulletin, well done and informative, only 35 cents and eight cent stamp or three issues for $1.00.

After this month, I will not list any sellers of material that do not send a list of material for sale and a sample, other than those sellers whom I know, such as Gene Gordon, Dave Burzynski, Dan Westbrook James Reeves, Michel Bezy, G.R. Anthony, Allan Cooper, and others. This is a result of fans ordering material and not receiving what they ordered or in some cases nothing at all. If any of you have ordered material and not received it, please write me, enclose an s.a.e. for reply.

Jim Cross & Gary Garrett, 6307 Woodson Dr., Mission, Kansas 66202, have updated their photo lists, send an s.a.e.

My good friend, Jeff Walton advises the Wrestling Fans Autograph Guide Book is now available, this special collectors item is only $1.00 send to Jeff c/o Olympic Auditorium, 1801 So. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90015. Thanks, Jeff, for the sample copy, very good. These are sent via first class mail.

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For some very good and interesting rubber stamps, try Minkey's Rubber Stamps, 2563 West Barton Square, Fresno, Calif., and Norman Stepp has a new deal called a small package, five photo stamps for just $5.00, send an s.a.e. for complete details.

Louis Green, 2911 Brighton 5th St., Brooklyn, New York, 11235 sent some sample photos and list, for your copy, send an s.a.e.

The PROF. TORU TANAKA FAN CLUB is back in action, and thanks to Frances Pijewski, Prexie for sending the first bulletin, 8 pages, dues $2.00 a year. Write to Frances at 56 Burke St. No. 237, So. Boston, Mass. 02127.

Thanks to Dave Burzynski and Allan Cooper, who operate the MICHIGAN SCENE FAN CLUB, for

Diana J. Carter, president of the Billy Robinson Fan Club, and Ramon Torres.

sending their current 17-page bulletin, and just advised by Dave if you send $2.50 for a year's membership, you will receive two free programs, address your envelope to Dave, Special Offer, 8294 Olympia, Detroit, Michigan 48213. This special issue, just received, contains chapter two, History of Detroit Wrestling, and it is still available for 75 cents.

Received from James Reeves, P.O. Box 4529, Charleston, S.C. 29405, some more of his excellent photos, send an s.a.e. for his list.

Andrew Carmichael, prexie of the VANCOUVER WRESTLING FAN CLUB, 2157 W. 57th Ave., Vancouvver 14, B.C. Canada, sent his recent 5-page bulletin. Dues are $3.00 for 8 X 10 photo, bi-monthly bulletins and bi-monthly newsletters and fact sheet.

F. Nelson, Box 801, Orange Park, Florida 32073, advises he has some girl wrestling films for sale or trade.

John Tobin, 59-10 Queens Blvd., Woodside, N.Y. has some old 8 X 10 photos for sale, send s.a.e. for his list.

Jack Ford, 569 Lexington Ave., N.Y. 10022, would like to hear from mat fans between 16 and 18 under 125 pounds who are interested in wrestling for recreation purposes.

Thanks to Jeff Cooper, editor of MAT REPORT FAN CLUB, 2145 W. Arthur, Chicago, Ill. 60645, for sending his current 11 page bi-monthly bulletin. Three issues for $1.00 or six for $2.00.

Terry Allen, prexie of the NEW ENGLAND W.W.W.F. NEWS FAN CLUB, continues with his fine publications, and thanks, Terry, for sending your latest 7-page issue, certainly enjoyed it. Try a sample copy, only 25 cents, send to Terry at 110 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, Mass. 01945.

Thanks to Nick D'Avanzo, 3660 Carlisle Road, Wantagh, N.Y. 11793, for sending the current issue of the EAST COAST NEWS BULLETIN. Dues are $2.00 a year for the three-page monthly newsletters.

William Moore, General Delivery, Northport, Ala. 35476, has a collection of magazines he would like to sell, trade. His list is available for 20 cents.

Romanina Morganella is the editor and publisher of "YOUR SPORTS REPORT" which is available monthly for 50 cents, by sending the loot to her at 163 Meridian St., Room 105, East Boston, Mass. 02128. Also, pen pals wanted.

Received a two page newsletter from Steve Ashley, 202 Highland Drive, Altamomta Springs, Fla. 32701, which is from his FLORIDA WRESTLING RESULTS & NEWS FAN CLUB. Dues are $1.50 a year or 10 cents and as s.a.e. for the bi-monthly letters.

Sure enjoyed the current VIVIAN VACHON FAN CLUB bulletin, and 8x10 photo from Brian Kaplan, president of the club, which is progressing very well. Dues are $2.50 a year for three 8x10 photos and bi-monthly bulletins. Try it, you'll like it.

Charles Meister, 79 Roberta Drive, Toronto 392, Ontario, Canada, has compiled a bulletin containing a years results of mat action is his area, and "The Toronto Wrestling Annual" is available for 40 cents and self-addressed envelope. Thanks for the copy, Charles.

Alan Scott, 42 Bundeera Road, Stl. Caulfield 3162, Victoria, Australia, would like to hear from fans of CURTIS IAUKEA, MARK LEWIN, TONY MARINO & BEAUTIFUL BRUTUS. Alan would like to join a club for Iaukea or Lewin, but sorry to say, according to my files, no active club for either.

Received the current issue of the BOSTON WRESTLING SCENE from John Sinibaldi, Jr., 28 Sheffield Rd., Boston, Mass. 02131, still 35 cents a copy or $2,80 a year.

Dave Gorgon, 22800 Doremus, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080, would like results on DICK THE BRUISER, THE KANGAROOS & BOBO BRAZIL to help compile his record book.

Carol, P.O. Box 314, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401, would like to hear from fans in California, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee & Arkansas.

The only permission slip I have received for the DON MURACO FAN CLUB is from Bunny Conway, 1579 So. 72nd St., West Allis, Wis. 53214.

John Wesolowski, 3415 Wellington St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19149, sent some sample photos from his available photo list, send s.a.e.

Received current three-page newsletter from Bill DeLage, prexie of THE WRESTLING TURNBUCKLE, 115-17 Linden Blvd., So. Ozone Park, N.Y. 11420. Write for further info.

Received a letter from Cheryl & Chuck Babcock, advising they are going to continue with the GEORGE SCOTT CLUB. New address is 1537 Walnut, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050;

Thanks to Penny Green, 110 Charles St., Havelock, N.C. 28532, for sending honorary membership in the MISSOURI MAULER & BRUTE BERNARD FAN CLUB. Dues are $2.00 a year, sample copy 50 cents, for photo and quarterly bulletins.

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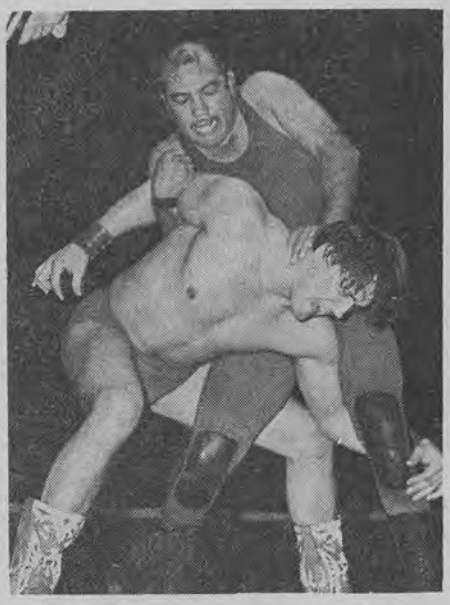
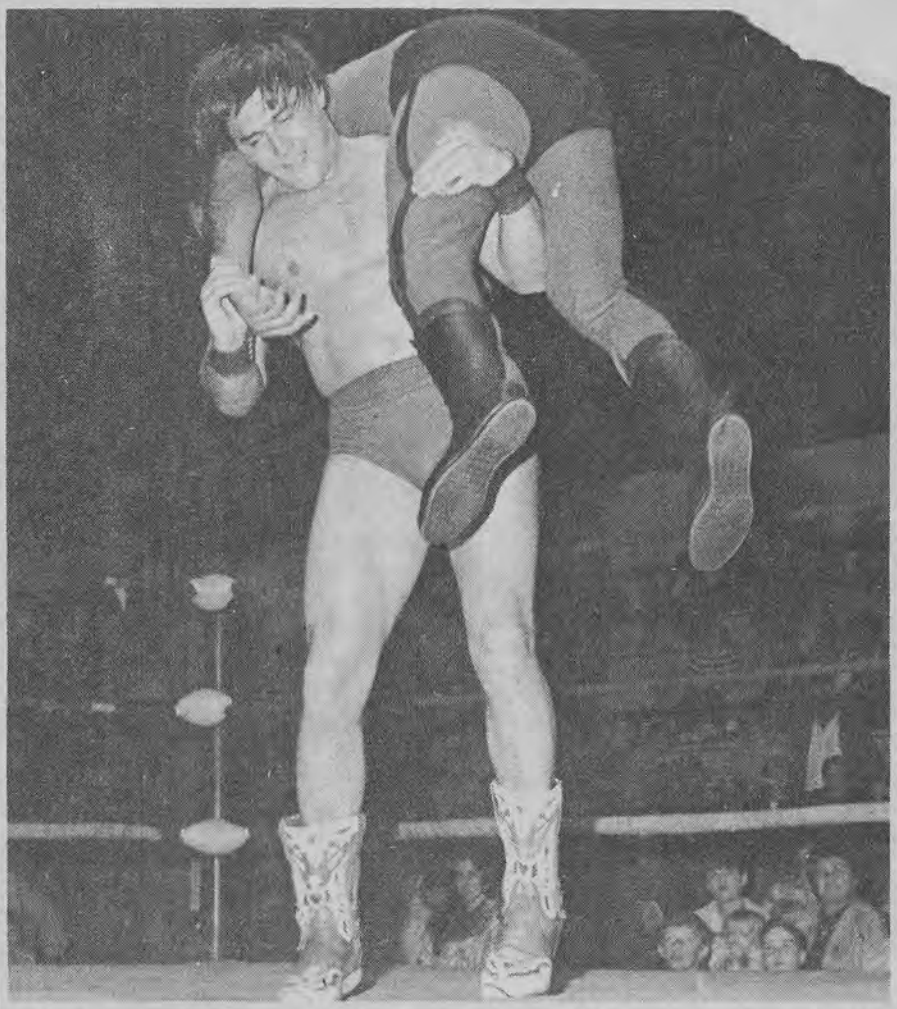
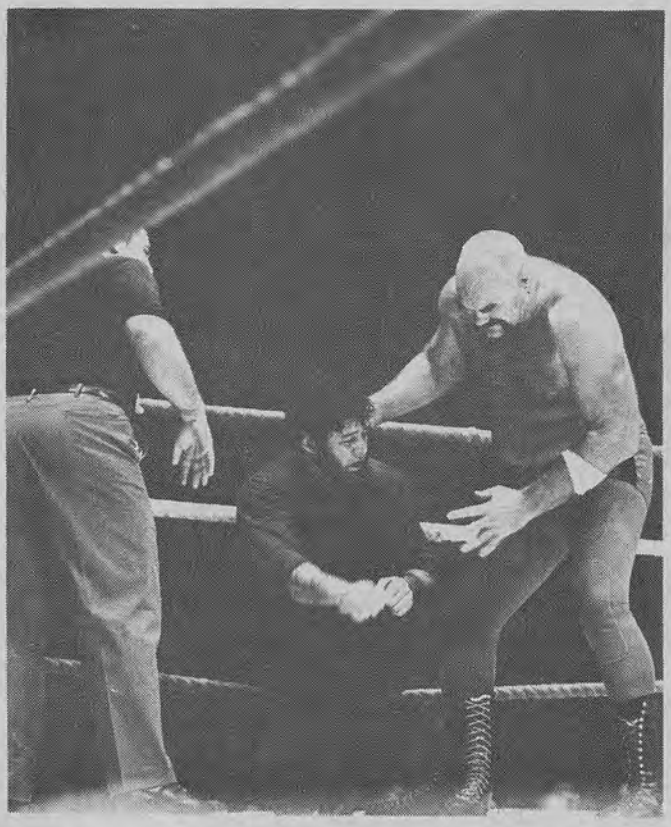


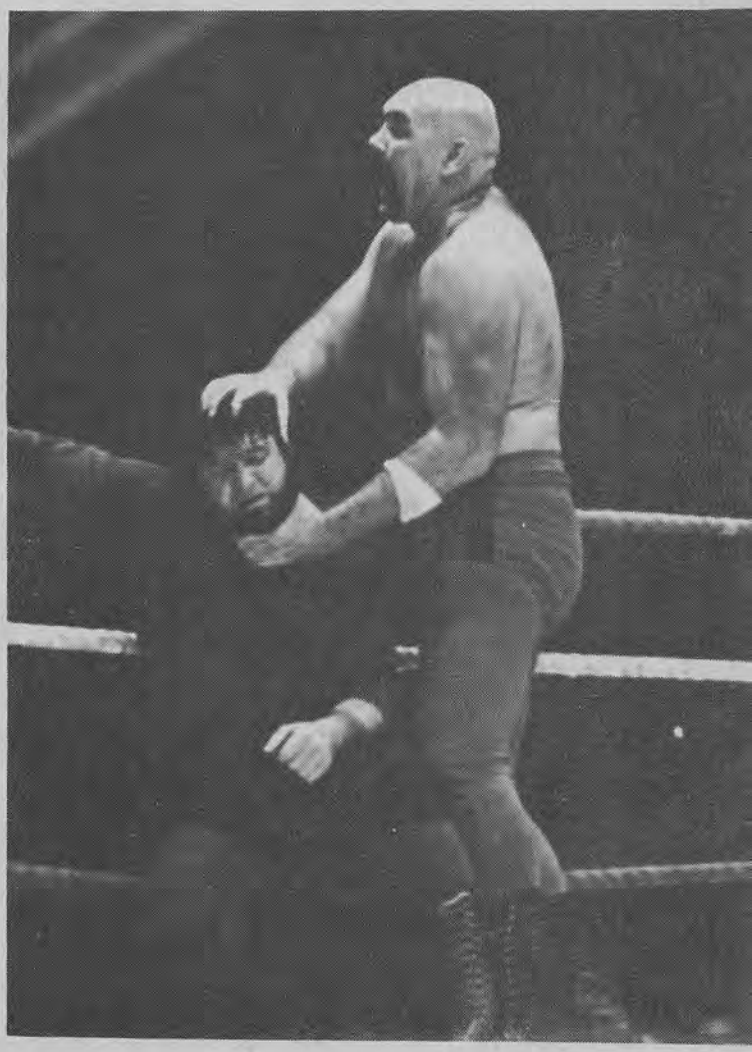
An abdominal stretch by Goliath led to the Mexican's down fall. . .

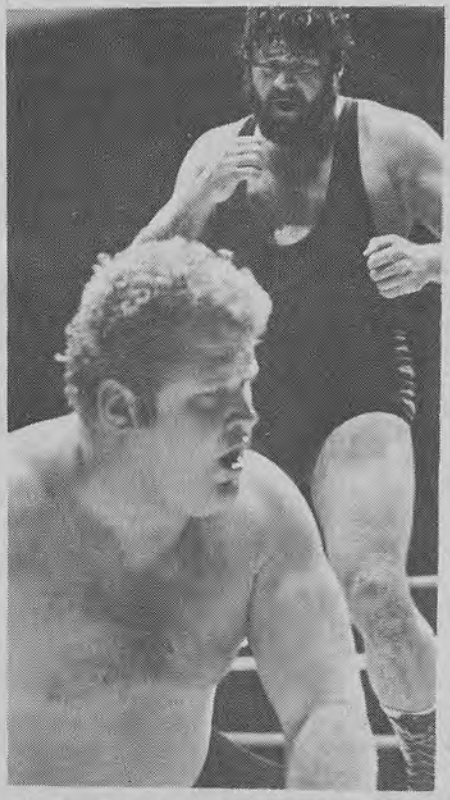


. . .as Layne got a grip and picked Goliath up. The bell rang and saved Goliath from defeat.



One of the most brutal matches ever seen in Omaha saw Pulaski battle it out with Ox Baker.





Pretty Boy Larry Hennig is down as Stan Pulaski rushes in to try and score a pin.

STAN PULASKI
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over it all and wrestles, If there is a price on success, Stan has paid it.

When the compilation of several injuries seemed to catch up with him last year, Promoter Dusek finally persuaded Pulaski to take a few months off and recuperate. So, Stan headed up to Canada to relax and maybe do some hunting or fishing. Instead, not long after he arrived, Pulaski was back to work in Canadian rings. Not a day went by in Omaha that the promoter didn't get an inquiry as to when Stan was coming back, where is he?

After several months absence, the Russian was back in Omaha. His initial match was against a giant of a man, Ox Baker, all 306 pounds of him. Baker was determined to spoil Stan's homecoming. When the fans paraded a large banner welcoming Stan back, the Ox promptly ripped it to shreds. Pulaski tried to do as much to Baker. When it was all over, Stan grabbed the announcer's microphone and thanked the fans for welcoming him back. He told the fans he would stay as long as they wanted him in the area. Something says that Stan is going to be around Nebraska for a long, long time.

Although Omaha is his adopted home and he returns there regularly, Stan had not really given up the area of western Canada where he was raised. He frequently flies from Omaha to Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia to appear there.

Fans of that area may not recognize Pulaski's name because he is known as Eric Pomeroy there. Stan came to Canada after his parents died in Russia and was raised by an aunt and uncle named Pomeroy. When he first became a wrestler he used his adopted name. But either way you see him – as Stan Pulaski or Eric Pomeroy – he is one if the top names in professional wrestling today.

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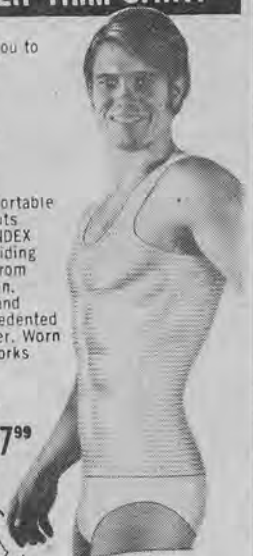

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With those words Tom Valentine starts the preface of this great book. Before we give our opinion we would like to quote again, this time from the introduction which is written by Myron Roderick, the Executive Director of the United States Wrestling Federation. He states:

"I have read Inside Wrestling, and I feel that Mr. Valentine has done an excellent job in explaining the different holds and counters and the philosophy behind the sport of wrestling. This book will be very useful to anyone interested in wrestling, whether a fan, wrestler, or coach. I congratulate Tom Valentine on a job well done."

We have long stressed that anyone who is interested in entering any level of competition in wrestling must start with the fundamentals and this book is an excellent textbook of them. No matter what your wrestling goal is, whether it be a place on your high school or college squad, U.S.W.F., A.A.U., Olympic, or even professional competition, to really do well you must start out with the basics that are taught in this book.

However, the book is not limited to the participant in wrestling. It is an excellent guidebook for the spectator who wants to learn more about wrestling and to be knowledgeable about what he is watching. The differences in rules between the different levels of amateur wrestling competition are clearly explained so that both the athlete himself and the fan gain a better understanding of the sport.

To quote from the book again: *"Inside Wrestling deals with amateur, not professional wrestling because on the professional level wrestling emphasizes showmanship more than athletic competition, and crowd-pleasing antics are stressed rather than the science of competition."*

We would agree with the author when he says that his book deals mainly with amateur wrestling. He does an excellent and complete job there and we commend him.

We would also agree that there is more emphasis on showmanship in professional wrestling then in other levels of the sport, but will dispute his statement that showmanship is emphasized more than competition on the professional level.

Certainly it is true that there are some professional wrestlers today who are more showmen than wrestlers and simply use brawling tactics and colorful costumes to achieve success.

But we feel the very best in professional wrestling is in its champions and we feel that men like A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion Verne Gagne, N.W.A. World's Junior Heavyweight Champion Danny Hodge, and a host of others including Jack Brisco, Tim Woods, Maurice Vachon, Dale Lewis, Lars Anderson, Bob Roop, Billy Robinson, and many others first achieved ultimate success in the amateur level and then went on in the professional level to reach the very peak as well.

The fact that wrestling has champions in the professional level of the calibre of Gagne and Hodge—both who were amateur titleholders many times before turning professional—is ample proof that even on the professional level it is skill that counts for greatest success. Neither Gagne nor Hodge ever needed to resort to fancy costumes or questionable tactics to reach the top, and they are probably the two men with the most consistant winning records in the pro mat game today.

This book is one of a series of "INSIDE" books published by the Henry Regnery Company and we think that anyone interested in learning about the amateur level of wrestling will find it well worth reading and that the price is reasonable considering what the book contains.

BARON VON RASCHKE
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As the years have passed, Baron von Raschke has gained more and more knowledge of wrestling. He has stored it all up in his mind. Every scientific move and every illegal trick that might bring him closer to the title – they are all there. He has the German genius for organization and execution.

Execution is right, because that is what Baron von Raschke seems to be trying to do to all of his opponents. He seems to have a never-ending desire

Raschke has headline cards in Quebec, Ontario, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Texas

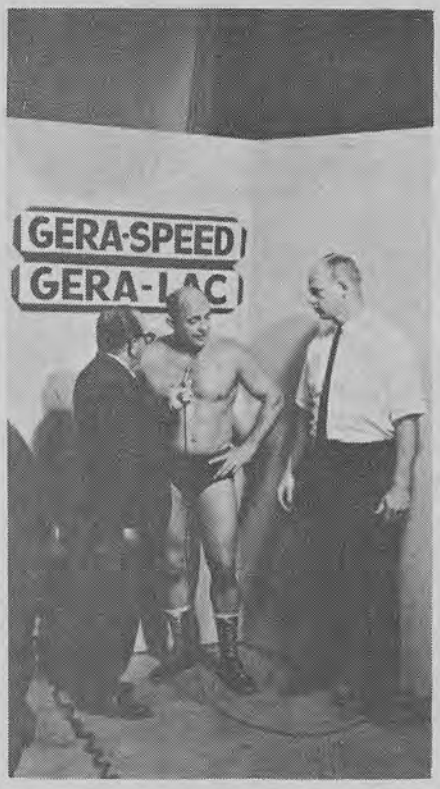
not only to win, but to maul his opponents into defeat. The Baron dodges no one.

Some of his most bitter matches in recent months have been against some of the very toughest opponents. Men like Billy Red Cloud, Wilbur Snyder, Jack Brisco, Edouard Carpentier, and Dick the Bruiser have engaged in all-out brawls with the hated German.

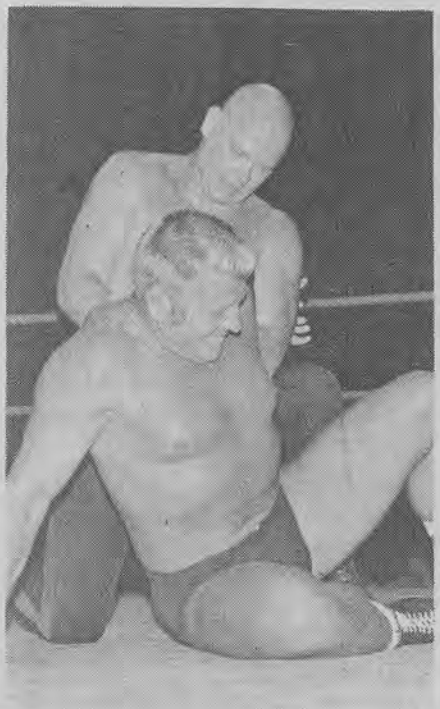
Baron von Raschke is somewhat of a loner. However, he often does use the services on one Pretty Boy Bobby Heenan. Heenan, who is one of the premier managers of the sport, has handled many wrestlers and is currently the manager of the Black Jacks, Lanza and Mulligan, who are the holders of the World Wrestling Association Tag Team Championship.

Bobby Heenan in Baron's corner doesn't do anything for the German's popularity because Heenan is probably the most hated manager in the sport and with Raschke and Heenan together the fans really echo the "boos" throughout the arenas.

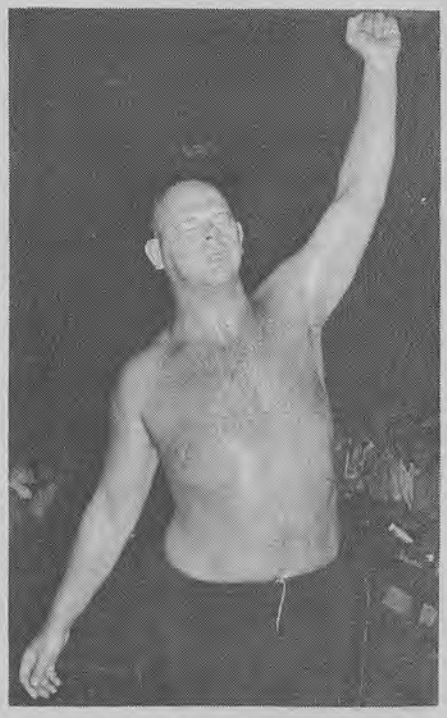
Will Baron von Raschke reach his goal of becoming the World's Heavyweight Champion? Will he win



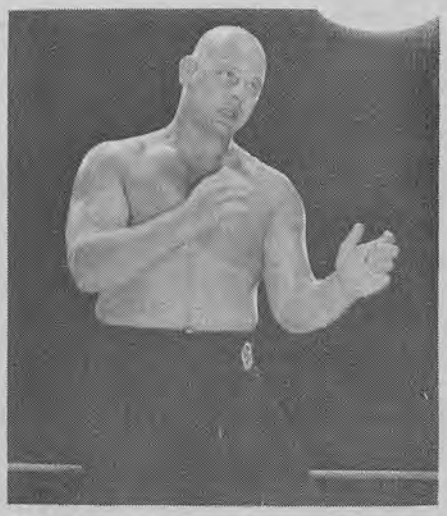
This photo was taken back in 1966 when the young German came to Minneapolis to train under Verne Gagne.



Raschke has Wilbur Snyder in trouble during this match in Milwaukee. Even in that predominently German city they hate the Baron.



Is Raschke subconsciously thinking "Seig Heil" as he raises a clenched fist in a salute?



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the title and take it back to Germany? He certainly has a master plan to rule the wrestling world. But, like the master plan of his fellow countryman Adolph Hitler to rule the world, the Baron may find that he will have a difficult time in accomplishing it. Baron von Raschke is the most deadly grappler in professional wrestling today, but what the future holds for him no one can predict. We can only hope that the great wrestling stars of North America will stand up to his vicious challenge and continue to reign supreme.

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matches: Wilbur Snyder beat Black Jack Lanza, Sailor Art Thomas defeated Black Jack Mulligan by disq., The Professor best Baron von Raschke by disq., Bobby Heenan beat Billy Red Cloud by disq., The Black Jacks beat Wilbur Snyder and Paul Christy, Baron von Raschke edged Billy Red Cloud, The Graduates beat Moose Cholak and Paul Christy, Killer Cortez and Billy Red Cloud drew, and many more matches that would be main eventers. Also they show great films of such matches as Ivan Koloff beating Wilbur Snyder, Verne Gagne beating Kobayashi by disq., Dick the Bruiser defeating Baron von Raschke in a cage match, the Bruiser also beating Shozo

Billy Robinson tries to remove a leg from Ivan Koloff.

Kobayashi, Ray Stevens and Nick Bockwinkel beating The Crusher and Red Bastien by disq., Hans Schmidt and Baron von Raschke winning over Moose Cholak and Haystacks Calhoun, and many more.

Also recently in Chicago's International Ampitheatre the Bruiser and the Crusher almost killed the Black Jacks but lost by disq. The Bruiser and the Crusher are back as a team and they will take on all villain teams and defeat them. They are the greatest team ever to step into the ring.

Scott Lukes
Schaumburg, Ill.

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can write to Mike care of Deep South Wrestling Office, 6 North Albany Ave., Tampa, Fla. Yes, Mike is married, and has an eight-year-old son. His wife is a former Miss Alaska, Big Bad John is now wrestling in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Elga Moore of St. Paul, Minnesota, wants to know when the Von Brauner Brothers will come to St. Paul. Maybe in the near future. Right now they are doing well in the South.

From Oxford, Miss., Paul Carter Jr. asks where Giant Frazier is now. Paul, Giant Frazier is wrestling in Louisiana, his home state.

Fans, if you want to know about your favorite wrestler, write to me in care of Wrestling Revue and I'll answer your query.

Frank Martinez, the New York wrestler, offers $1,000 to any wrestler who can do 10 chin-ups with one arm as he does.

A team to keep your eyes on is the Samoan Giants, Tio and Reno. They are under my exclusive management.

Johnny Long, who had to retire from wrestling because of a slight heart attack, is well again. He is now a deputy sheriff in Cleveland, Tenn.

London, England, has a tough tag team combination in Dangerous Danny Lynch and Steve Haggetty. They would like to wrestle in the U.S. for the World Tag Title.

Eddie Graham, wrestler-turned-promoter, drew over $55,000 in St. Petersburg, Fla., recently. The card was headlined by world's champion Dory Funk Jr. and Jack Brisco.

Bearcat Brown is opening a chain of fried chicken restaurants, the first to be established in Atlanta, Ga.

My son George, who is wrestling for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, spent a recent weekend in Gallatin, Tenn., with Sailor Moran, who is teaching George some of the dangerous holds only the Sailor knows. The Sailor is a deputy sheriff in Sumner County. He was one of the strongest wrestlers ever.

The Samoan Gianta, Tio and Reno, are now under the management of Gentleman Saul Weingeroff.

Jerry Lawler, whose art work appears in Wrestling Revue's sister publication, Wrestling Monthly, is a mighty tough wrestler. I'd say he's almost as good a wrestler as he is an artist.

Bobby Hart and Lorenzo Parente are drawing very big crowds in Oklahoma and Louisiana. They have defeated some of the toughest teams in the world.

The original team of the Assassins, who were partners about ten years and also rated among the top ten in the world, recently split up while in Atlanta, Ga.

Do you know that Dr. Ramey and Sir Clements are alike? Neither one is any good. I still stand out in a class by myself as wrestling's number one manager. (Editor's Note: If you don't believe Saul, just ask him.)

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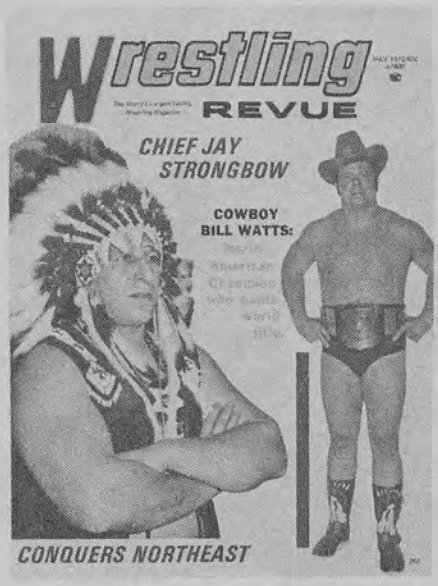

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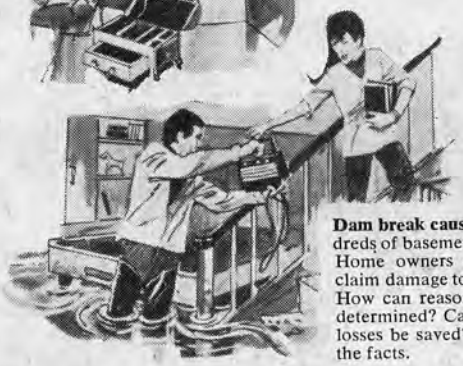

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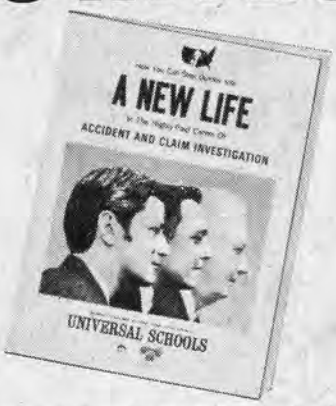

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